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## RANKIN AT WORK

The crushing defeat John Rankin suffered in the race to fill the late Senator Bilbo's seat has not noticeably slowed down his activities in the House. Almost every day, Rankin harangues his colleagues in behalf of causes which differ only in the degree of their unworthiness. . . . On November 28th Rankin called for an end to the trial of the German War criminals, saying, "A racial minority, 2½ years after the war closed, are in Nuremberg not only hanging German soldiers, but trying German business men in the name of the United States." In his blind prejudice, Rankin compared the Nazi war criminals with the revered heroes of the Confederacy, Davis, Lee, and Forrest. . . . It remained for Congressman Huber, (D. Ohio), to denounce the odious comparison "in the name of those whose voices have been stilled forever."

## "EXPERTLY MISINFORMED"

A few days later, Rankin attributed the UN decision for the partition of Palestine to "certain alleged leaders of both parties in order to try to line up certain elements in New York in the next election. . . ." Snapped Congressman Rooney (D. New York) "When it comes to the subject . . . of American Jews, he is expertly misinformed, as he usually is."

## RANKIN AND THE MOVIES

In appealing for support of the contempt citation against Hollywood writers, Rankin made a characteristic point of the Jewish and foreign-sounding names on the petition sent to Congress in opposition to the Un-American Activities Committee action.

A reporter, watching Rankin's performance, remarked, "At this rate it should not be too hard for Rankin to prove that the Jews are responsible for the Communist riots in Catholic Italy."

## FINDS NO FASCISM HERE

When Congressman Thomas assumed the chairmanship of the Un-American Activities Committee, he promised that he would investigate impartially subversives on the left and the right. He assigned to Congressman McDowell (R. Penna.) the task of laying the groundwork for an investigation of Fascism in America. After months of preliminary quiet investigation, McDowell announced, "There is no Fascist problem in the United States that warrants investigation by this Committee. There are anti-Semitic and anti-Negro forces, yes—but no organized intolerance or Fascism." Apparently, McDowell was ignoring his fellow committee member, Rankin, or, at least, he was discounting his importance.

McDowell found many smear-sheets which peddled religious intolerance and were run as rackets for the profit of their owners. He said, "They and Gerald L. K. Smith actually want to be investigated because they figure the publicity will be good for circulation." Perhaps the committee was wise not to give these bigots a national spotlight. After all, Washington observers recall that when Gerald Smith was "investigated" by the Committee, he turned the occasion into a sounding board for his pro-fascist views. Where Smith succeeded, certainly Upton Close, Grand Dragon Green, and Gen. Mosely would not fail.

## O'DANIEL IS WILLING

Senator Pappy O'Daniel (D. Texas) is willing to run as a vice-presidential candidate on a 3rd party ticket to be called the Jeffersonian Constitutional Party. It was George Armstrong, Texas oil man, who tossed O'Daniel's hat into the political ring. Armstrong would like Douglas MacArthur as O'Daniel's running mate. Some might question the use of the name of Jefferson in the Constitution by this group, since George Armstrong is a financial backer for Gerald L. K. Smith and other big

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RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS IN  
THE SUPREME COURT

The intense nationwide interest aroused by the Supreme Court cases involving restrictive covenants against Negro home ownership has provoked an unprecedented number of briefs filed by organizations as "friends of the Court". Virtually every agency opposed to discrimination has advised the Court that it believes that racial covenant enforcement is unconstitutional. Among the opposition are a number of real estate groups which have filed briefs in support of the covenants. An outstanding brief was submitted by the Attorney General in behalf of the United States. He argued that enforcement of restrictive covenants violated the constitution, embarrassed the government, and impaired the effectiveness of its operations at home and abroad. These arguments were also made in the Supreme Court brief in which ADL joined.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING  
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

May a public school permit sectarian religious instruction classes during the regular school hours and within the public school building? This was the question argued before the Supreme Court on December 8th in the Vashti McCullom case which involves a "released time" plan instituted by the Champaign, Illinois, school board. Questions asked by the Justices revealed that they were giving weighty consideration to the amicus briefs which warned that the plan jeopardized the political and religious freedom of the American people and breached the American principle of separation of church and state.

The brief, filed in behalf of all the major Jewish organizations, deplored the atheistic beliefs of Mrs. McCullom; but argued that the Champaign plan was creating "divisiveness" particularly harmful to children of minority faiths. Baptists groups and the Seventh Day Adventists argued with equal vigor that religious instruction was inevitably controversial and had no place in the public school system.

During the hearing, Justice Jackson put the issue into these words, "Can the public schools, through the use of compulsory education laws, commandeer the time of school children and then allocate part of the time so commandeered to religious groups for religious instruction?" One recognized authority said, "The public school system . . . is the one place where the child is not primarily a Protestant, a Catholic, or a Jew, but an American among Americans. . . A remedy for a waning religious fervor is not more sectarianism in the public schools, but more heart, more persuasive intelligence, and more religion in the churches and synagogues."

DEFENDING AMERICAN  
DEMOCRACY ABROAD

To the average European there is no higher evidence of America's real purposes than the letter in his own tongue from kinfolk and friends in the "new country". Our official "Voice of America" broadcast, in its fight against misrepresentation of America abroad, suffers from the fact that it is a propaganda vehicle.

There are some ten million Americans who read foreign language newspapers and listen to foreign language radio broadcasts. Presumably, they correspond with their folks in the old country. They constitute a great untapped resource in the fight to raise the prestige of American democracy abroad for they can best explain to their friends and relatives in Europe the moral force of American policy in the power struggle with Communism abroad.

ADL and the Common Council for American Unity last month presented to the State Department and the Committee for the Marshall Plan a concrete program to add the spontaneous testimony of the millions of foreign language speaking Americans to the "Voice of America." They proposed a council of foreign language groups to organize support—in the press, radio, and foreign correspondence—for the program of American democracy.

THE GERMANY-FIRSTERS

Kurt Mertig, pro-Nazi chairman of the German-American Republican League has taken issue with General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor of Germany, concerning our German policy. In a letter sent to all congressmen, Mertig calls for the freeing of German prisoners-of-war, the cessation of the removal of Nazis from positions of importance in German life, and the ending of German reparations. His program, however, is not altogether negative—he calls also for an American loan to Germany.

FEPC MAKES PROGRESS

A recent meeting of the Committee For A Permanent FEPC revealed that Republican leaders in the Senate and in the House had stated that the bill would be favorably reported in Committee, and would reach the floor of Congress in the early part of the session.

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I am attaching hereto 3 reports entitled "The Facts" put out by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The small report is extremely interesting since it inferentially conveys the impression that the rise of anti-Communist and anti-Russian feeling in the United States might be the movement for an organized drive against semitism. The reports go into the activities of various ministers, the activities of a group of liberals to rescue the State of Georgia and into organizations which are believed to be anti-Semitic.

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## INTRODUCTION

It is axiomatic that periods of tension and economic maladjustment produce corresponding effects in the field of group relations. Hate organizations thrive on the discontent incident to troubled times.

Divisive elements have been quick to exploit these currents of prevailing dissatisfaction, by evoking latent animosity against minority groups. Further, such disruptive forces seek to utilize the traditional scapegoat device, by blaming all our troubles on such groups as trade unions, Jews, Negroes, Communists, "liberals", and the New Dealers.

Some of these spreaders of hate are open and brutally frank in their advocacy of their undemocratic, fascist objectives. "The Columbians" are typical of this ilk. Others are more subtle and circumspect in their methods and strategy. The following surveys deal with several representative types of these agencies.

In addition to these, the current issue includes information concerning organizations such as the Tool Owners Union, Inc., which has aroused much public interest.

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*Benjamin*

Dear Lou,

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No. 2 of ~~The Facts~~.

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### RELIGION AND HATE III

This is the last of a series of three articles on the various preachers of hate. The first (August 1946) dealt chiefly with the ideology of these apostles of discord as expressed in their writings; the second (September 1946) concerned itself with the activities of the "nationalistic" fundamentalists. The present survey describes the tactics and strategy employed by those dissident clergymen who have been receiving the widest public attention: Gerald L. K. Smith, Harvey H. Springer, Gerald B. Winrod and Arthur W. Terminiello.

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### TERMINIELLO ON HIS OWN

Arthur W. TERMINIELLO, suspended priest from Alabama, appeared as featured speaker at a closed meeting in Boston on September 5, 1946, at the George Brown Hall, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and announced that he had severed his connection with Gerald L. K. Smith, his former friend and ally, stating, "Now, I'm on my own".

This meeting, which he called "Operation Crusade", was sponsored by the Constitution Discussion Club, a paper organization headed locally by Mrs. Frances Swanson of Medford, Mass. "Is World Revolution Imminent?" was the topic of the meeting, which was attended by about 150 persons, mostly former Christian Frontists and America Firsters. (Mrs. Swanson gave generous financial support to Francis P. Moran, one of the foremost Boston Christian Front leaders, during the height of his activities.) Admission was only by cards, which were mailed from Terminiello's headquarters in Mobile, Alabama.

In his presentation, Terminiello went to great lengths to convince his audience that he was still a priest in good standing, although his superior, Bishop T. J. Toolen of the Diocese of Mobile, Alabama, in a letter of April 12, 1946, declared that Terminiello "has been suspended and is not a Catholic in good standing". (See The Facts of May, 1946, p. 25). Contrary to the fact, Terminiello maintained that no Bishop had ever spoken out against him, falsely intimating that he had voluntarily left his parish in order to be able to fight present world conditions. He likened himself, his persecutions and sufferings to the woes and troubles of St. Paul, and even compared his "crusade" to the admonitions of Christ "who was condemned and put to death by his own chosen people".

Terminiello also complained that he had been persecuted in Chicago by the American Jewish Committee, The Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Congress, the American Veterans Committee, etc.,

calling them collectively a "Communist mob". He added that those who sympathize with the Jews are in great error when they say millions of Jews were killed by the Nazis - for since, he said, there were only 694,000 Jews in Germany and Austria before the war, how could millions have been killed? "We know the 694,000 are still alive," he added, "because they are making so much noise going to Palestine." At this point, Terminiello lashed out against his favorite targets, the "Jewish refugees", claiming that "since the end of the war, 58,000 of them have been allowed into this country and they are coming into this country at a rate of 20,000 a week /sic!". He, therefore, urged his audience to fight against the admission of any more immigrants until all our veterans have jobs and "there are no longer any breadlines".

Resorting, as always, to the old and tried textbook of the professional anti-Semite throughout the world, the fabricated "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion", Terminiello, on this occasion too, charged a modern Sanhedrin of 120 Jews with attempting to dominate the world through a Jewish empire. He exhorted all Christians to stand together and prevent themselves from being made "slaves of by the Jewish race."

These and other falsehoods presented to an applauding and cheering audience created the proper atmosphere for a profitable collection. Allegedly, in order to assist him in defraying the expenses for the arrangement of this meeting, amounting to \$300, he



appealed to each person present to contribute \$2.00, which would simultaneously entitle the donor to a six-months subscription to his monthly, The Crusader. He also tried to induce his audience to donate \$5.00, which would earn the contributor an enlarged picture of Christ.

Considerable literature was distributed at the meeting, but there was no picketing and no advance publicity of this gathering, a fact which was apparently responsible for the small audience and consequently Terminiello's disappointment.

At the end of last year, Terminiello was in dire need of funds and sent out large bundles of his literature, asking \$5.00 per bundle. He stated that he needed \$2,000 or he would go to jail. On January 23, 1947, the Illinois Supreme Court refused to review Terminiello's appeal from conviction on a charge of inciting to a breach of the peace at a Chicago rally on February 8, 1946. (Terminiello was fined only \$100 after his conviction in Chicago Municipal Court. Several arrests were made at the rally which was addressed by Gerald L. K. Smith.

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Throughout his career, Terminiello used his ecclesiastical position to arouse his followers to hate and contempt. Not deterred by repeated and unequivocal repudiation by his superiors. Terminiello still appears in the cloak of a priest in order to lend

credibility to his outright misstatements and gross distortions. However, apart from a few incorrigible and adamant individuals, his popular appeal seems to be waning. This is indicated by the fact that in spite of an intense preparatory campaign, through the mail and in print, his last appearance attracted only 150 people in a hall which can accommodate 550. This is an encouraging sign in Boston, a city which was a hotbed of Christian Front activity prior to the war, and which has a large Irish-Catholic population.

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GERALD B. WINROD

The speaking tour of this nationalist fundamentalist pastor, previously discussed, (see The Facts of August, 1946) concluded on September 28th in Hutchinson, Kansas, where he spoke under the auspices of Youth for Christ. (This is a legitimate religious organization with branches throughout the nation. When informed about Winrod's appearance before the local Youth for Christ chapter, the organization's headquarters repudiated Winrod, in view of his ideology and associations, and reprimanded its local officials.)

Newspaper exposure of Winrod and his record reduced the attendance to a minimum in cities where it was impossible to withdraw the invitation to Winrod. Another apparent result was that the speaker exercised extreme caution in his choice of language, generally avoiding direct or indirect anti-Semitic remarks, and relying principally on the peddling of his Defender magazine and other of his publications to achieve the desired publicity. Thus, it may be said that the rise in subscriptions to The Defender and other Winrod publications, amounting to an estimated 50 to 100 copies per meeting, constituted the only accomplishment of Winrod's tour.

According to the Wichita Beacon of January 12, 1947, the Secretary of State of Kansas granted two charters to two non-profit organizations, both of which list Winrod as resident agent. They are:



- 1) The Defenders' Theological Seminary, Inc., the incorporators of which, in addition to Winrod, are: Dr. Edward Fehr, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. W. D. Herrstrom, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. Leland Marion, Pontiac, Mich.; Rev. Harvey H. Springer; Dr. Sam Swain, Akron, Ohio; Dr. W. T. Watson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, San Juan, Puerto Rico; and Rev. Leonardo Castro, Bayamon, Puerto Rico.
- 2) The Defenders of the Christian Faith, Inc., charter members of which are Dr. Fehr, Dr. Watson, and Winrod.

Throughout his career, Winrod has tried any number of stunts to win a substantial following: Bible conferences in various Southern and Western states, several missions in Puerto Rico, attacks upon the Pope and Catholicism, unrestrained anti-Semitism, a trip to nazi Germany, his candidacy for the Republican nomination as U. S. Senator, militant isolationism, and close association with such notorious characters as Elizabeth Dilling, Eugene N. Sanctuary, Robert E. Edmondson, William Dudley Pelley, and others. Winrod was named a defendant in the original indictment (1942), as well as in both superseding indictments (1943, 1944), on charges of plotting to incite mutiny in the armed forces, to unseat the Government of the United States and to set up a nazi regime here.

Yet all his efforts to become the recognized leader of the "nationalists" have so far failed. There is reason to believe that neither his recent speaking tour nor the incorporation of two of his paper organizations, will help him capture the leadership he so ardently desires.

G. L. K. SMITH - PERSONA NON GRATA THROUGHOUT THE NATION

Last fall, during his 7,000 mile tour accompanied by his three chief deputies, Frederick KISTER, Kenneth GOFF, and Don LOHBECK, the America First Party leader Gerald L. K. SMITH was repeatedly greeted by catcalls, riot squads, picketing, and protests.

Smith's Itinerary

Detroit

For the first time in five years, Smith was denied the use of a public school in Detroit. The Board of Education, on August 2, 1946, based its decision on the ground that the organization routinely engaged in fund-raising activities, and held that this would be a violation of the prohibition against the solicitation of funds on school property. Thereupon, the Maccabee's Auditorium was rented for the meeting in the name of "Regular Republicans" by Leland L. Marion, Smith's candidate for Governor of Michigan on the America First Party ticket of 1944. With no attendant publicity or picketing, the rally, held on August 12th, drew only about 200 persons.

Chicago

However, two days later in Chicago, police averted a near riot at the Stevens and Morrison hotels. Smith was scheduled to speak at the Stevens hotel, but the management, learning at the last

minute of Marion's "Regular Republican" ruse and of the true nature of the meeting, cancelled the arrangements and, with the aid of police, barred the loudly protesting Smith henchmen. Thereupon, under the leadership of Albert W. Dilling, his former wife, Elizabeth Dilling, and their son, Kirkpatrick, the prospective audience of about 130 shifted to the Morrison Hotel, which also proffered the rental money back and ordered the meeting disbanded. In the course of the disturbances at the Morrison Hotel, fist-fights took place between the picketing veterans and Smith followers, with Victor H. Hirsch, commander of the Raymon J. Carney Post of the American Legion and Kirk Dilling as chief participants.

The hotel management, remembering the riotous Smith meeting on February 7, 1946, explained that the hotel was not trying to censor the opinions of its guests, but wanted merely to protect itself against any possible damage by riot. (After that rally, Smith, Terminiello and Kister were charged with disorderly conduct. Smith was cited for contempt of court at the trial of Terminiello, who was fined \$100. Smith and Kister have not yet been tried.)

Throughout the whole melee, Smith carefully remained at a safe distance, at the Blackstone Hotel, issuing statements, such as:

"The disturbances, I am convinced, were caused by a gang of Communist killers and Jewish terrorists.... chained up with a world-wide organization."

Viroqua, Wisconsin

After a major controversy, the executive committee of the



Viroqua Centennial Celebration Committee voted unanimously on July 12, 1946, against permitting Smith to speak at the city's 100th anniversary program on August 18. However, on July 17, by a vote of 9 to 2, the committee reversed its original decision to invite him on the grounds that "Smith is a home town boy and we want to hear him. He is entitled to the same consideration as anyone else as long as he is out of jail." (Smith once resided at Viroqua.) Significantly, the chairman of the celebration committee was A. E. SMITH, who at one time was an active Klansman.

As a result, many influential citizens, including members of the clergy, the State Senate, of the Assembly, several professionals and the local post of the American Legion, protested that Smith was hardly the proper person to speak on the topic assigned: "Viroqua, the Symbol of the American Way of Life".

The Rev. Reuben K. Youngdahl, pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran church and chairman of the Minneapolis mayor's Council on Human Relations, cancelled his scheduled appearance, declaring he would not "appear on the same platform" with Smith, whose "avowed Fascist views" are "directly contrary to my philosophy of Americanism". However, in his place, Methodist Bishop Schuyler E. Grath of Madison was chosen to deliver the memorial sermon.

Without mentioning Smith's name, Bishop Grath, during his address, lashed racial and religious bigotry, particularly anti-Semitism, reminding his listeners of the tragic ends that came to the "Italy First" of Mussolini and the "Germany First" of Hitler.

In sharp contrast to this exposition was the presentation of Smith, who, under the protection of forty police and deputy sheriffs, addressed the audience of 5,000 persons, with his usual theme.

#### Minneapolis

In Minneapolis, Smith henchmen engaged in the same devices as those used in Detroit and Chicago. A Mrs. Frank A. Fiss rented the Hennepin County Republican clubrooms in the name of the "Northwest Pioneers" for a "non-partisan meeting" of the "Pioneers Boosters Club", to be held on August 21. When William Howard Anderson, the club president, learned that Smith was the speaker, he denied the use of the clubroom. At the entrance, however, Renata LEGANT, Smith's secretary, directed the assembled crowd to the Leamington Hotel, and hundreds of banner-carrying pickets streamed after them. The pickets crashed a barricaded door of the Leamington's ballroom and dispersed the 350 persons waiting for Smith. Arriving after the police had cleared the lobby of almost all of his followers and barred from the hall by the police, Smith took up a "receiving stand" in the lobby, shaking hands with forty of his faithfuls. He said, as the police escorted him out of the lobby that "...this demonstration has made my point better than if I had spoken." He blamed "Communists, left-wing labor leaders and Jewish terrorists" for the disturbance. This was fully quoted in large spreads on the front pages of the local newspapers. Later in his room at the Curtis Hotel, Smith held a press conference, during which he declared that:

"The important part about this demonstration is not my political opinions but that 1,000 Christian Americans have been denied the right of peaceable assembly."

Participating in the anti-Smith picketing were representatives of the Central Labor Union, the Hennepin County CIO Council, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Lodge 102, American Veterans Committee, American Youth for Democracy, Socialist Worker's Party and the Minnesota CIO-PAC.

On the following day, Chief of Police Glenn MacLean and Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey made statements. The Chief of Police said:

"Smith told me he feared for his personal safety and that he would advise us if a change was made in the meeting place. While we know now that the Leamington reservation was made four days ago, Smith didn't say anything about that. I think personally that Smith wanted the fight to develop."

Mayor Humphrey stated:

"I personally advised against any picketing, because I think the silent treatment is more effective in combatting Smith's ideology...and that a demonstration of pickets...would only result in drawing attention to the meeting and making a martyr of Smith."

"Smith likes controversy. Some people who build their political fortunes on disorder go out and plan a situation that results in disorder. Apparently he didn't want the instruments of law and order to be effective. He assured the superintendent of police he would inform him of the meeting place. He did not do that."

In a circular letter dated August 28, 1946, describing the break-up of his meeting, Smith called Anderson "a yellow and cowardly betrayer of high principle", and accused him of keeping the money paid down by Smith's representatives. He also castigated

Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey as a "puppet mayor /with a/ cabinet of Stalin-lovers" and demanded the mayor's impeachment.

A resolution denouncing the action of "some irresponsible pickets" was adopted on August 23rd by four Minneapolis agencies. The resolution was signed by representatives of the Minneapolis Round Table of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Mayor's Council on Human Relations, the Minneapolis Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

#### Denver

In a circular letter, dated August 4, 1946, Kenneth Goff, Smith's "youth leader" called a three-day "National Youth Convention", to be held at the Denver city auditorium and commencing on August 25.

The impressive array of "sponsoring organizations" are in reality the following Smith "fronts": Christian Youth for America, which is led by Goff; Christian Veterans of America, headed by Frederick Kister; Christian Veterans' Intelligence Bureau and Western Hemisphere Committee, both of which are run by Smith's latest acquisition, Larry Asman; the Lutheran Research Society, headed by Lawrence Reilly, who publishes the anti-Semitic "Eleventh Hour"; America First Youth Auxiliary, a mythical appendage of Smith's so-called "America First Party"; and, finally, United Farmers (Youth Branch), which was started by Smith's ardent supporter, the late Carl Mote.

(Smith's previous attempts to identify his activities with Youth for Christ, a revivalist organization whose concern is purely religious, has resulted in the inclusion of the "local unit" of that organization in the roster. The leaders of Youth for Christ International, however, have repeatedly denounced Smith and have dissociated themselves from his attempts to make capital of the organization's name.)

However, Frank D. Patton, City Commissioner of Supplies, refused the city auditorium to Smith, stating: "I denied the request because it would cause too much dissension and trouble." (He was referring to previous protests made to the City Council by the Denver Trades and Labor Assembly, the American Veterans Committee and a veterans group of Colorado University.) The rally was also denounced in a leaflet issued by the Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham post of the American Legion, Jewish War Veterans, Negro Ministerial Alliance, Denver CIO, Denver Unity Council, Denver Institute of Applied Religion, Rocky Mountain Council for Social Action, Anti-Defamation League, Rocky Mountain Foundation for a Free Press, Boulder AVC, Young Democrats of Boulder, and the Rocky Mountain Churchman. A committee representing a number of these organizations planned the picketing.

Thereupon the auditorium of the Barnes School of Commerce was rented, but protests moved the Barnes management to cancel the booking, with the explanation that "the persons who arranged for the use of the auditorium represented the affair simply as a veterans'



meeting. When I received all the protests and learned of the groups connected with Harvey Springer and Gerald L. K. Smith, I cancelled the arrangements."

The convention was held finally in the Denver Revival Tabernacle and was attended by 2,000 persons. Despite a heavy downpour, 200 pickets were on hand to patrol the Tabernacle in an orderly manner under the supervision of forty police. No incident occurred.

The climax of the convention intended as a "youth rally" proved to be a gathering of his old and middle-aged followers, with a sprinkling of youth delegates.

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"A Tale,...full of sound and fury, signifying nothing".

At these various meetings, Smith discussed many topics. With ever growing enthusiasm, amplified by a loud-speaker, he thundered his advocacy of motherhood, free speech, the Constitution, the Bible, America, the veterans, Jesus Christ, old fashioned "Christian discipline" in the home, deportation of aliens, tickets to Russia for United States communists, free enterprise, George Washington, his aged parents, his grandfather, his wife, his son, his son's wife and his son's child. He elaborated on wifely virtues and Josef Stalin. He is for the former and against the latter.

Smith also bespoke his opposition to Karl Marx, progressive education, Lenin, aliens who work for the government, Henry Wallace, controlled economy, aliens who hold jobs in America, the destruction

of pigs by government order in 1936, "socialistic Britain, Nazi Germany, Communistic Russia and chaotic China", loans to foreign countries, any type of world government and young men who do not tell their wives how much they love them. These ideas, apparently, are the answers of America First and its leaders to the national and international problems of the day!

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"The International Jew"

The most recent adventure of Smith is revealed in a circular letter headed "A Critical Message Concerning a Critical Situation", and dated Forth Worth, Texas, January 15, 1947. Therein Smith appeals to his "Dear Christian American Friends" for contributions and adds the following:

"Very Special Notice! Those who respond to this letter will receive a free copy of the first section of the "International Jew", as originally published by Henry Ford. Barring unforeseen and mysterious trouble, this dangerous volume will be off the press within three weeks. Those who have been promised this book earlier will receive an extra copy if they respond to this letter."

In the prefatory note of the 92-page booklet, "The International Jew", the first edition of which has already appeared, the following is stated:

"The material contained herein was originally published by Mr. Henry Ford in his periodical known as "The Dear-born Independent". Later, following great pressure from certain Jewish organizations, Mr. Ford withdrew the publication and apologized. There is some question as to whether Mr. Ford apologized for the contents or for having published the contents."

Thus, "The International Jew" is being added to the standard references of anti-Semitic vilification such as the "Protocols", the Talmud, the Shulchan Aruch, the ritual murder legends and other fabrications and distortions.

Although the copyright protection of "The International Jew" has expired, the Ford Motor Company has publicly disavowed the content of the book, expressed its condemnation of the reprint, and is prepared to invoke whatever rights it has to prevent dissemination of the publication.

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#### Conclusion

In spite of or perhaps because of his manifold difficulties, Smith manages to keep his name in the headlines; he apparently succeeds in obtaining a continuous flow of funds from his admirers; occasionally gets access to otherwise reputable platforms; obtains conferences with state officials; and generally succeeds in avoiding the liability of his discredited reputation.

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HARVEY H. SPRINGER

The fourth in this group of religious hate peddlers is Harvey H. Springer, who has gained notoriety as a radio preacher. He was responsible for the second appearance of Upton Close in Denver at a meeting on September 29, 1946, sponsored by the Veterans Public Information Association of World War II. According to the chairman, this is a new organization, comprised of veterans and their wives, allegedly founded for the purpose of combatting all anti-Democratic influences and particularly "communism and its fronts".

The fact that the rally was held at the Greek Theatre, an open-air civic center in a city park, was probably the reason for the attendance of about 500 people.

Close, in his address, denounced Hollywood, the New Deal, the Roosevelts, Sen. Claude Pepper; he charged that communists have infiltrated the Catholic Church for the purpose of controlling it; he maintained that 108 universities and colleges have communist cells; and he charged that the late President Roosevelt was responsible for the discontinuance of Close's broadcasts.

Having used the name of an otherwise non-existing organization, and having brought Upton Close to the meeting as the speaker, Springer then did the "fund-raising job". His appeal for money resulted in a collection of \$250.00.

Prominently participating in this affair were the Rev. George W. Cooper of the Denver Revival Tabernacle (see The Facts of August, 1946), Commander Overstreet of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, William C. Gehrke, Supt. of Westwood Public Schools, and State Senator Gardner of Golden, Colorado, who introduced Close.

At two other meetings held on December 17th and 18th at the Gospel Tabernacle in St. Petersburg, Florida, and sponsored by Rev. W. T. Watson of the same church, Springer, before an audience of 250 argued against the restrictions of freedom of speech over the air. On the first day, referring to his difficulties in Knoxville, Tenn. (see The Facts of July, 1946), he demanded that a bill be passed in the next session of Congress providing that a radio station be compelled to sell time to any individual or organization wishing to purchase it, if the time is available. He expressed his confidence that Rep. Jos. Martin would sponsor such a bill.

The following day, Springer, introduced by Dr. Watson, reiterated these views and added that he is the head of a committee of "6,000 Gospel preachers" and urged his audience to listen to his regular Sunday evening broadcasts from the two Mexican border radio stations, XERB and XEG. He has engaged, at a cost of \$2000 per month, the facilities of these stations, both of which are heard through large areas of the West and South.

Previous to these meetings, Springer made another trip to Washington, D. C., in October, to confer with Congressmen in order to

win their support for a bill guaranteeing freedom of speech to ministers of the gospel. He also appeared before the Committee on UnAmerican Activities, condemning "the communists and the Federal Council of Churches, who will do their best to squeeze the life from every preacher who upholds the truth."

In summary: Springer seems to enjoy considerable financial backing in view of the fact that he was not only able last year to raise nearly \$100,000 for the establishment of his Tabernacle, but also manages at present to defray his monthly expenditures of \$2000 for his broadcasts alone.

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Letter No. 2  
March 21, 1947

Dear subscriber:

HAS PHILIP MURRAY MADE A DEAL WITH THE COMMUNISTS? Just when the masks are being pulled off the faces of Julius Emspak and other high CIO officers who are secret members of Communist Party, Murray cracks down on anti-Communists in CIO. Why?

Explanation in upper CIO circles is that the Communists have bargained hard and shrewdly. Knowing how anxious Murray is to prevent a major strike while labor legislation hangs in the balance in Congress, the Fifth Columnists resisted his no-strike policy.

They stuck to the present party line of militancy. In a recent meeting of Communist National Committee (secret meeting, of course), John Williamson, the party labor secretary, briefed the committee members on tactics to use this year in encouraging strikes.

Obeys orders, Communist bloc in CIO kept threatening to pull a strike of their biggest union, United Electrical Workers. But now Murray's friends say the Fifth Column has agreed to hold off that strike...and Murray has promised to curb the anti-Communists.

What is Murray doing about exposure of high CIO leaders?

Julius Emspak is exposed as "Comrade Juniper." Louis F. Budenz, former prominent Communist, has testified in secret session of House Labor Committee that the man with party alias of "Juniper" is Emspak, secretary-treasurer of United Electrical.

Exec. Vice-Pres. John F. Ryan of NY Newspaper Guild and Exec. Sec. Wm. H. Brodie of Los Angeles Guild are Communists, according to Milton Murray, anti-Communist President of American Newspaper Guild. In reprisal the Communist Party denounces Milton Murray as "a stoolpigeon," wants union to punish him.

Perjury by Communist leaders of Allis-Chalmers Local 248, UAW, is proved. Pres. Robert Buse and Honorary Pres. Harold Christoffel are identified by witness after witness as party members.

As the masks are yanked off, what is Philip Murray's reaction? Has he begun purging CIO of Communist officers? No, he uses his strength to restrict the ANTI-COMMUNISTS...to tie their hands.

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MURRAY FORCES CIO LEADERS TO QUIT AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION. The new organization of non-Communist and anti-Communist liberals. He has pulled the presidents of four internationals off organizing committee of ADA. They're Walter Reuther of Auto, Emil Rieve of Textile, John Green of Shipbuilding, and Williard Townsend of United Transport Service Employees. Executive board of CIO last week obediently ratified Murray's order. Even most of the anti-Communists felt they had to vote for this. Reason: Murray continually blackmails CIO by his threat to quit presidency if thwarted. Without him the opposing groups might split CIO apart.

CIO leaders in a Communist front. Progressive Citizens of America, are also ordered to quit. Thus Murray maintains pretense of impartiality. But his order harms ADA more than PCA...and he knows it.

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For ADA is largely built on foundation of union leaders. Through them PCA hoped to send its message to rank-and-file union members. But PCA can reach the same members by other means, using many Communist fronts that have been built up for years and have penetrated deeply into CIO...largely through Murray's support.

Murray has also dissolved a labor anti-Communist group, NY Trade Union Committee for Democracy. This was formed recently by officers of many CIO unions in and near NY to fight the Fifth Column. Now that their organization is forced to fold, they plan to enter the Communist controlled Greater NY Industrial Union Council and make their fight there.

CONGRESS SHOULD CALL MURRAY ON THE CARPET. When the CIO president protects the Communist Fifth Column, it isn't a private matter.

Murray should be asked about Emspak and other high Communists he has covered up. And especially he should be called on to explain what right he has to prevent union leaders from taking part in a non-Communist organization like Americans for Democratic Action.

UNITED STATES STEEL CORP. PUTS PARTY-LINER ON RADIO. Every Sunday night, Theatre Guild of the Air presents an hour of drama on ABC network, under sponsorship of United States Steel. Communists have appeared on this program repeatedly. On March 9 the star was Fredric March, a flagrant party-liner. He's a vice-chairman of a top Communist front, Progressive Citizens of America...and he has sponsored Young Communist League and many other party activities. This isn't the first time he's been on U.S. Steel program.

March and Olivia DeHaviland, another party-liner, were honored with "Oscars" last week as best screen actor and actress of 1946. Powerful Communist machine in Hollywood always promotes popularity of card-holders and fellow-travelers. Olivia DeHaviland has long record on party line. Last fall she campaigned in Seattle in futile attempt to reelect Congressman Hugh DeLacy, identified in gov't investigation as a dues-paying Communist.

U. S. Steel used services of another party-liner on its Theatre Guild of the Air program March 16. Millard Lampell, a writer, has been especially active in Communist fronts for war veterans. Last week the Daily Worker bragged that Lampell had rewritten much of the dialogue in the Eugene O'Neill play that U.S. Steel presented Sunday night.

WILL WALL STREET HELP THE COMMUNIST FIFTH COLUMN? United Office & Professional Workers of America (CIO) is trying to organize employees in NY financial district. Recently this Kremlin union has been challenged by a newcomer...United Financial Employees (AFL), which is anti-Communist. Unless UFE can win good contracts, the Communist-controlled UOPWA is certain to make large gains. Now a serious strike threat has arisen, which may shut down the NY Stock and Curb exchanges and all NY brokerage houses. This is because a member firm, A.M. Kidder & Co., rejects arbitration of its differences with UFE.

The exchanges decline to intervene. Insist they can't even put in a friendly word with Kidder for a reasonable compromise. Wall Street should wake up...unless it wants the Communists' UOPWA controlling the workers in every exchange and bank and brokerage house, and tipping off Moscow on U.S. business secrets.

COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEGUN RAISING \$250,000 DEFENSE FUND, which will also be used

for propaganda. Party will place ads in many newspapers, buy time on the air, organize meetings, issue new pamphlets in huge quantities. This program is its answer to Sec. of Labor Schwollenbach's suggestion that party be outlawed.

Party payrollers are being assessed a week's pay. Money is being raised in Communist fronts, labor unions, etc.

Congress should avoid playing into Communists' hands by half-baked legislation. Example: Congressman Harry H. Sheppard (Dem., Calif.) has introduced an anti-Communist bill with a preamble that's partly ungrammatical and meaningless. Whoever drafted it got lost in midst of a long sentence and never found his way home. Bill would forbid membership in Communist Party or its fronts or any other subversive organizations.

In preparing a bill these questions must be asked: Is it just? Can its justice be proved to average person, so that it can command public support? Is it practical? Is it Constitutional? Even if Constitutional, can it get past the Supreme Court?

Repeatedly the court has shown it's a mere babe as far as understanding the Communist conspiracy is concerned. But its decision this week sustaining dismissal of a gov't employee who belonged to Communist fronts may be a sign that even the Supreme Court can learn.

INVESTIGATION OF INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS is proposed by Congressman Walter H. Judd (Rep., Minn.). He wants Thomas Committee on Un-American Activities to do the job. It's about time. Institute is a private research group, ostensibly impartial. But its publications have consistently followed Moscow line on Far Eastern affairs.

50 COMMUNIST FRONTS JOIN TO OPPOSE OUR FIRMER FOREIGN POLICY. They've set up a new front: Joint Conference Against Intervention in Greece and Turkey. This will coordinate their activity on that question.

Fumblingly the U.S. is getting straightened out. Truman's good, stronger policy was stage-managed badly, very badly. He hadn't made any preliminary effort to inform the people or even Congress of what was going on. He had let the people be misinformed steadily by Communist fronts, stooges, and dupes about conditions in Greece. Now he had to undo this miseducation...and that can't be accomplished in a minute.

And despite the urgency of his message to Congress, he didn't even have a bill ready. After delivering his message in an atmosphere of crisis, he went away for a week's vacation...and not until six days after the speech was a bill introduced in Congress. What sort of preparation is that for stimulating swift Congressional action?

Still the weight of facts, the logic of necessity, is on the side of aid to Greece and Turkey. Which is why it will win.

PRO-SOVIET COMMENTATORS BITTERLY OPPOSE OUR STRENGTHENED POLICY. On radio last Sunday (March 16) E. H. LaGuardia crassly misstated the facts about the situation. Later in the day Wm L. Shirer, on CBS, argued with all his cleverness and deceptive mildness against Truman's Proposals. Shirer supports the Communist front, American Relief for Greek Democracy (for Communist-controlled EAM, that is). He's also a sponsor of Progressive Citizens of America, etc.

Howard K. Smith's broadcast from Moscow on CBS that same day was a brazen performance. Passionately he belittled Marshall, picturing him as under the

thumb of Dulles. What evidence? None whatever. Purpose? To smear U.S. policy as reactionary. Smith assailed Truman's message to Congress, saying it had come as a bombshell to the (so-called) "liberals" in Moscow...that is, to Smith & Co. But worse than his specious reasoning were his misstatements of fact. He said things that are disproved by reports of reliable correspondents.

HENRY WALLACE IS THE COMMUNISTS' MAIN FRONT MAN in fighting our stronger foreign policy. He rushed to the radio immediately to attack it. And the Communist Party at once arranged to have one of its top fronts, Progressive Citizens of America, reprint the speech in full-page ads in newspapers.

PCA sent 200 party members and fellow-travelers to Washington Friday (March 21) to lobby against the Greece-Turkey legislation. On Tuesday (March 25) another big Communist front, the Congress of American Women, will send lobbyists to Washington on same errand.

Wallace and Norman Corwin will speak at a PCA mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, NY, March 31 against the firmer foreign policy. Corwin is a vice-chairman of PCA. For weeks he has been appearing every Tuesday evening on CBS in a superficially unbiased program that in reality is adroitly pro-Soviet.

SEN. PEPPER HAS BECOME A COLUMNIST FOR A COMMUNIST PAPER. Next to Wallace, the Communists' main front man is Sen. Claude Pepper of Florida. Of course he vehemently opposes aid to Greece and Turkey. On Friday (March 21) he spoke at a meeting of the PCA delegation of lobbyists in Washington. Pepper has just begun writing a column in the Chicago Star, a weekly paper established last summer by the Communist Party. It's the leading Fifth Column organ in the Middle West.

Very truly yours,

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Letter No. 1  
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Dear subscriber:

COMMUNIST FRONTS HAVE LEAPED INTO ACTION ON WORLD CRISIS. They realize how territorially important the so-called "Greek question" is...they know it may decide whether Russian Empire can build up its strength to the point where in time it may start Third World War. Most Americans are still asleep. For this President Truman is largely to blame. But so are the leading business organizations (see next page). Meanwhile Fifth Column fronts are busily propagandizing the people and feeding arguments to friendly Congressmen and Senators. Main fronts active in this are:

American Relief for Greek Democracy. This assists EAM, the big Communist front in Greece, which cooperates with Communist governments of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Albania in warring on Greek gov't. Honorary chairman of American Relief for Greek Democracy is Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who certainly ISN'T a Communist...as shown by her conduct in U.N. and in Americans for Democratic Action (anti-Communist liberal group). But once again she has let the Communist Fifth Column pull the wool over her eyes.

Among leading supporters of this front are such party members and fellow-travelers as Rockwell Kent, artist...Dorothy Parker and Albert Maltz, authors...former Congressman Hugh DeLacy of Seattle...Rev. William H. Melish, chairman of National Council of American-Soviet Friendship...Leo Krzycki, president of American Slav Congress...Rose Russell, legislative representative of New York Teachers Union, which was expelled from American Federation of Teachers (AFL) because of Communist control, and now belongs to Communists' United Public Workers (CIO)...City Councilman Eugene P. Connolly of New York, a high officer of Communists' Transport Workers Union...Rolland J. Thomas, vice-president of United Automobile Workers....Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch...and William L. Shirer and Lisa Sergio, radio commentators.

American Council for a Democratic Greece interlocks with the above committee...it has some of the same directors, including Rautenstrauch and Dorothy Parker. Among other supporters are William S. Gailmor, Communist commentator, now off the air...Prof. Lyman R. Gradley, Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, and Prof. Edwin Berry Burgum...Michael Nisselson, president of Amalgamated Bank of New York, and acting president of party's American Committee for Yugoslav Relief...Donald Ogden Stewart, screen-writer...Vilhjalmar Stefansson, explorer, and Rev. Jack McMichael.

Other Communist fronts opposing U.S. action in Mediterranean are the Win the Peace committees, Progressive Citizens of America, Congress of American Women, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Young Communist League (alias American Youth for Democracy), etc.

WHY HAS U.S. BEEN CAUGHT NAPPING IN THE CRISIS? Why does such an ultra-conservative as Congressman Clare Hoffman (Mich.) play into hands of Fifth Column by talking as if control of the Mediterranean and of China were no concern of ours? And why does Sen. Ellender (La.) make this prize observation on Greece: "It is poppycock, this fear that Russia would move in. There are a lot of nations crying 'Wolf!' against the Russians to get assistance from us." Why doesn't Ellender understand that "Russia would move in" not by sending an undisguised Russian army

but by capturing Greece through the EAM, whose guerrillas are armed and supplied by Yugoslavia and other Kremlin puppets?

President Truman is partly to blame. Members of Congress don't merely lead... they REFLECT the pressures on them; Truman has never given Congress a real picture of the world situation. And he has left the public even more ignorant. He muffed a wonderful opportunity Thursday in his speech at Baylor University... that was the time to talk bluntly about Russia and the world. Truman hasn't provided national leadership on this question.

Nor can organized business escape responsibility. The NAM is as silent as the dead. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has lately begun issuing a splendid series of reports on Communists in U.S....but that isn't enough. The Chamber hasn't emphasized that national safety must take priority over everything else... taxes, labor, OPA, etc. Every line of business is battling in Washington for its own immediate special interests....ignoring foreign affairs...and no group has had the astuteness or the boldness to override these conflicting interests and give national leadership.

What U.S. should do in Greece: Support the present gov't but at the same time press for more democracy. Yes, reactionaries are in power there. Not fascists, not semi-fascists, but arch-conservatives. The brutal EAM military revolt two years ago produced a popular reaction and brought King George back. U.S. should use its bankroll, its influence in U.N., and if necessary its troops to keep Stalin out of Greece and at the same time to bring real liberals into Greek gov't. But this doesn't mean coalition with Greek Communists (as in Chinese fiasco). In fact, U.S. should support Greece in SUPPRESSING the Communist Fifth Column.

ERIC JOHNSTON ON COMMUNISTS IN UNIONS...AND IN HOLLYWOOD. Appearing before the House Labor Committee this week as spokesman of Committee for Economic Development, Johnston said Communists are foreign agents and therefore Congress should bar them from leadership in unions. Fine! But Johnston is also president of Motion Picture Assn., and when he was asked about Communists in Hollywood he said, "We are pretty powerless to deal with them." Also that Communism "has not made its way into the pictures themselves." Here he's wrong. There are many Communists in Hollywood and the industry isn't powerless to deal with them. It can drop Fifth Column writers, actors, directors, etc., if it's ready to pay the price in labor troubles and at the box office. And the Fifth Columnists do manage to get some deft touches into the pictures.

VAN BITTNER IS WILLING TO EXPEL ALL COMMUNISTS FROM UNIONS. At least the veteran labor leader, who heads CIO organizing drive in the South, made this amazing statement to the House Labor Committee this week. But does he mean it? One Congressman suggested deporting all Communists to Russia. Bittner answered he wouldn't go so far; "I'd do what I could to legally separate them from the unions, and that's all I could do." Probably he didn't realize how far he had gone. Even such active anti-Communists as Walter Reuther and Sec.-Treas. James B. Carey of the CIO haven't suggested that all Communists be expelled, which is what Bittner's words mean.

ANTI-COMMUNISTS MAY ENTER N.Y. CIO COUNCIL. The CIO Committee for Democratic Trade Unionism, representing 132 locals in and near New York, held a conference this week and established itself on a more permanent basis. It adopted a new name ...Trade Union Committee for Democracy. And in a cagily worded resolution it indicated its locals would enter the Greater New York Industrial Union Council to



help reorganize it satisfactorily. Hitherto nearly all anti-Communist unions have boycotted the Communist-controlled council.

But biggest union in the council is Amalgamated Clothing Workers...which is non-Communist. And now the Amalgamated seems willing to cooperate with the anti-Communists if they join the council. Idea is this combination could take control from the Fifth Columnists. Phil Murray has been working quietly to bring this about.

Yet Murray is appeasing the Fifth Column in another way. See-sawing cautiously, he insists that CIO leaders steer clear both of the Progressive Citizens of America (a Communist front) and the anti-Communist Americans for Democratic Action. So four CIO union presidents...Walter Reuther, John Green, Samuel Wolchok, and Willard Townsend...stayed away from a meeting of ADA organizing committee in Chicago a week ago. Now Mrs. Roosevelt, who's an ADA member, has privately urged Murray to drop his objections. Final decision will be made at a meeting of CIO Executive Board in Washington March 13. But the decision will be made BY Murray.

LEWIS MERRILL'S EXPULSION FROM COMMUNIST PARTY is quietly reported in party circles. Merrill, president of United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO), has never admitted being a party member. Lately he announced he had resigned as contributing editor of the New Masses and as trustee of Jefferson School of Social Science (both of these are party institutions). He also said he had changed his mind on some important questions, and other leaders in the union would have to do the same...in other words, desert the party line. But the Fifth Columnists called a union conference and forced Merrill to swallow his words by a "clarifying" statement.

Since then the party has been awaiting its chance to kick him out of the union presidency. Expulsion from the party is a step towards this.

BOTH SIDES WIN AND LOSE IN UAW LOCAL ELECTIONS. Emil Mazey, one of Walter Reuther's right-hand men on the international executive board, has lost his own local, Briggs 212, Detroit, to the Fifth Column. But the anti-Communists have hurt Vice-President Rolland J. Thomas by capturing his local, Chrysler 7. And they've also ousted Nat Ganley, an admitted Communist, a member of the party national committee, as business agent of Tool and Die Local 155. John Anderson, another avowed Communist, has been reelected president of the local, but apparently the anti-Communists control the executive board. The voting in Ford Local 600, the largest local in the world, is now under way and will continue till nearly the end of March. This local is dominated by the Communists now.

BOB TRAVIS, COMMUNIST LEADER, IS OUT OF ILLINOIS CIO COUNCIL. Travis was a key man in the UAW sit-down strikes in Flint 10 years ago. Later he was No. 1 in Communist-controlled Farm Equipment union. Recently he's been vice-president and legislative director of Illinois CIO council. The Fifth Column has had an actual majority there, but Phil Murray intervened to effect a compromise under which the top offices were divided and the council marked time, doing routine work but making no policy decisions.

A clear-cut battle in the convention in January was expected...but at almost the last minute the convention was postponed till April, while Murray put more behind-the-scenes pressure on the Communists. Now Travis has suddenly resigned his office in the council. Which seems to mean the anti-Communists will take over.

COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL, CAFE SOCIETY, AND MILLIONAIRE JOHN HAMMOND. Leon Josephson, the Comintern agent who refused to talk when House Un-American Activities Committee tried to question him this week about his faking of a passport for Gerhart Eisler, is a brother of Barney Josephson, owner of two New York night clubs...Cafe Society Uptown and Cafe Society Downtown. Both are Communist hang-outs...the performers are largely party-liners, and so are many of the customers. The angel who financed Cafe Society is John Henry Hammond, Jr., youngish millionaire who is in charge of hot jazz department of Columbia Records. He assists many party fronts.

A BOOK BALLYHOOING COL. EVANS CARLSON, written by a Communist, was published this week. Carlson retired from Marines with rank of brigadier general. During the war he got a marvelous publicity build-up from Communists on service papers, in public relations spots, etc. His pro-Communist record goes far back. Now he's co-chairman, with Paul Robeson, of the principal Communist front, National Committee to Win the Peace (for Stalin). Author of new book is Michael Blankfort, screen-writer for Walter Wanger of Universal. Blankfort is a Communist. The party is boosting Carlson politically.

PARTY MEMBERS' NAMES WON'T APPEAR ON REGISTRATION CARDS any more. Members will be registered only by serial numbers. The list of members of any Communist unit will be kept by the membership director in a secret place. Significance: the party is going somewhat underground again, as it did during Stalin-Hitler Pact.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

We respectfully call to your attention the presence in this country of Mr. Norman Jaques, member of the Canadian Parliament and a notorious anti-Semite. Mr. Jaques has been making intermittent visits to the United States for more than a year, appearing with and speaking on the platform of Gerald L. K. Smith. Not a citizen of our country, Mr. Jaques has abused the privilege of entry into the United States by stirring up misunderstanding and tensions among racial and religious groups in various parts of the country.

As recently as May 1, Mr. Jaques entered from Canada, and appeared with Gerald Smith at a meeting held in Philadelphia's Town Hall, under the auspices of a so-called "Philadelphia Christian Nationalist Committee." Introduced by Smith, Mr. Jaques indicated to his audience his complete support and approval of Gerald Smith's doctrine of bigotry. In these trying days when every decent American is striving for better inter-group relations, national harmony is made more difficult by the casual admission into this country of such men as Norman Jaques.

We urge that steps be taken by the State Department to bar Mr. Jaques from the United States as a threat to our domestic peace. He seeks to sow in our country the very fascist ideas against which we fought a war under your own able military leadership. We know that you will not want to permit to enter by the back-door that dangerous philosophy which has cost so much American blood and strength.

Respectfully yours,

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## MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

Ever interested in organizations or movements which appear in the political, educational or religious arenas, several of our readers have inquired regarding Dr. Frank Buchman's Moral Re-Armament. Undoubtedly, these inquiries are the result of recent activities of the movement as outlined in the following pages.

The results of our examination of Moral Re-Armament must be projected against the background of the three stages of its development:

During the first phase, up to the late twenties, Moral Re-Armament was essentially a religious revivalist movement. This stage of its existence is of purely historical interest, but it is dealt with at length hereinafter as necessary background.

The second stage, the pre-war period, during which time Moral Re-Armament adopted a political position of appeasement, distressed persons interested in opposing further Axis aggression.

The third stage, the present period of re-emergence in the United States, apparently gives cause for apprehension among some of our readers because of Moral Re-Armament's previous appeasement position. (Editor's Note)

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### Introduction

This movement is apparently emerging in the United States, where the idea was born, from the shades of obscurity cast on it by the war. During this period, MRA was branded, on the one hand, by various church authorities and other sources as "fascist", "anti-Semitic" and a "racket", and on the other, "an instrument of Christianity" and "dangerous to Nazidom". As in the early days of its existence, this religious cult is embarking on an intensive, well-financed and widespread campaign to attract the youth of America. MRA "teams" are now traveling about the country trying to gain a foothold in our public school systems.

Because of its peculiar reputation, and the record of its leader, communities throughout the United States wonder about MRA's political

potentialities. They recall the fact that the movement's leader, Dr. Frank Buchman, extolled Hitler and the dictators in 1936. They remember that, during the war, this international movement was violently criticized, especially in Britain, where it was claimed that MRA tended to fascism and was modeled on it, particularly in its adoration of its "Leader"; that MRA, through its enormous influence, was greatly instrumental in Britain's appeasement policy toward Hitler; that when war was declared, able-bodied Englishmen of military age, who were MRA officials, decamped to America and safety; that many of those who stayed in England sought exemption on the grounds that they were religious workers. All of which led to a withdrawal of MRA from the spotlight after the outbreak of the world conflict.

The extent to which MRA's possibilities will be exploited now in our country is a matter of speculation. Dr. Buchman, the head of Moral Re-Armament, is ever on the search for "key people" who might adopt his movement as their political platform, and the ideology of the group is widespread.

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### History

"I thank heaven for a man like Adolf Hitler, who built a front line of defense against the anti-Christ of Communism...My barber in London told me Hitler saved all Europe from Communism. That's how he felt. Of course, I don't condone everything the Nazis do. Anti-Semitism? Bad, naturally; I suppose Hitler sees a Karl Marx in every Jew. But think what it would mean to the world if Hitler surrendered to the control of God. Or Mussolini. Or any dictator. Through such a man God could control a nation overnight, and solve every last bewildering problem."

This curious statement was given in an interview in August 1936,<sup>(1)</sup> by the founder and central figure of Moral Re-Armament (formerly called

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1. The New York World-Telegram, August 26, 1936.



"First Century Christian Fellowship" and thereafter "Oxford Group Movement"), Frank Nathan Daniel Buchman. Born on June 4, 1878, in Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, of German-Swiss ancestry, Dr. Buchman was educated for the Lutheran Ministry at Muhlenberg College and Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary. For the first forty-three years of his life, Buchman led an undistinguished existence as a small-town Lutheran Minister and college YMCA secretary. This period was illuminated by but one glowing experience: in 1908, at the age of thirty, he claimed a vision of Christ on the Cross, which produced in him, he said, "a dazed sense of a great spiritual shaking-up".

By 1915, Buchman, seeking new pastures, became a missionary; his round-the-globe travels then took him to India, China, Korea, Japan, and to Europe. In 1921, he formulated his program. Fortified by faith and excellent introductions, he went to Oxford and gathered about him small groups of students in the two aristocratic colleges of Corpus Christi and Christ's. To them, at highly select "religious house parties", he revealed the great principles of "Sharing" and "Guidance".

#### Religious Concept and Practice

"Sharing" is a religious confession made in the presence of a whole group. Frequently, confessions have to do with matters of sex, and the sharing reduces itself to erotic excitement. The public "Washout", as Buchman calls it, is supposed to prevent any return of sinful desire. After the "Washout" comes "Guidance" in the "Quiet Time" by "Listening in to God" or conducting "Two-Way Radio Chats" with Him--either in private sessions with Buchman or in larger group meetings. (2)

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2. For a full description of the technique, see A. J. Russell's "For Sinners Only", New York, 1939.

After the exaction of these confessions, the convert is presumed purged and ready to receive God's direct and personal "guidance". For this purpose, every follower is expected to observe a "Quiet Hour" at the start of each day. This is a period of silence and of concentration upon receiving the word of God. The message he is to jot down in a little book and is to consult for "guidance", which dictates the convert's decision in matters large and small, business and personal problems, choice of partners in marriage, etc. If the word of God concerns something particularly vital in the life of the adherent, the entire group must pass upon the message in order to guard against misinterpretation of God's word.

MRA's claim of "God-Guidance" is repeatedly affirmed by followers: A woman member was once "guided" to get off a street-car at a certain spot where she discovered a big fur sale in progress and bought a \$1,000 fur coat for \$300; a golfer gave thanks publicly because God "guided" him to play a better game; an advertising executive, "guided" to drop several accounts, made more profits than ever before, and stated, "I now see that God has a plan for business"; and a cook at an MRA conference announced "this canteen is run by the Holy Spirit", and by "God-Guidance" we make our menus".(3)

In the early days in Oxford, Buchman's followers were less than five percent of the students, and in 1924, he decided to shift his attack to America. In the United States, no Oxford sponsorship was claimed for the movement. Invitations to the Buchmanite meetings in New York were given simply in the name of "The Groups: A First Century Christian Fellowship". Buchman's most devoted American follower at that time, the Rev. Samuel Shoemaker, an Episcopal clergyman in New York City, had formerly been

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3. Victor Constant Kitchen, "I Was A Pagan", London, 1934.

secretary of the Philadelphian Society at Princeton.

The results of Buchman's first incursion were somewhat disappointing; only a few students came into the fold. But then Buchman launched a second Princeton campaign in 1926. There were the usual religious house parties and confessions. This time the Buchmanites were denounced in the Princetonian, and the students decided, by a large majority of those voting, that "Buchmanism in any form", ought not to be connected with any religious organization in the university. Buchman and his aides were charged with fostering an unhealthy, erotic atmosphere by their alleged habit of highpressuring confessions of sexual and alcoholic sins from frightened and intimidated undergraduates. In defense of his activities, Buchman is said to have told President J. G. Hibben that ninety-five per cent of the students were addicted to one or another form of sex perversion. The President ordered an investigation and announced that so long as he was president of Princeton, Buchmanism would be banished from the campus. (Following this action, Oxford University, too, through its undergraduate publication The Isis, urged a similar course, calling Buchmanism "a perverted religious mania...hoving between giggles and fanaticism.")

#### Upper Set Evangelists

Thereupon, Buchman departed once more for England and shifted his policy somewhat, seeking his converts less among college students, than among persons prominent in "society", business, politics, and labor. This shift brought results. Friends in high positions came out openly in his support and new friends of still higher position were won over: Dr. B. H. Streeter, the Provost of Queens College in Oxford; Dr. Geoffrey Allen, Fellow and Chaplain of Lincoln College; Dr. P. S. Allen, President of Corpus

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Christi College; Julian Thornton-Duesberry, its Chaplain; Loudon Hamilton, ex-Master of Eton; Howard Rose, priest of St. Peter-le-Bailey; and Dr. Kenneth Greensted, Professor of Philosophy of the Christian Religion. With such names enrolled, the Buchmanites apparently felt justified in referring to themselves as the "Oxford Group Movement", though legally they were denied the right to use the title. (4)

With the prestige of Oxford behind him, Dr. Buchman, known in the colleges as "Old Moral Uplift" and hailed among his followers as the great "Soul Surgeon", became the Christian Apostle to sections of the British aristocracy. Howard Rose led a team of fifteen missionaries to Holland in 1927, and another team of seven to South Africa in 1928. In 1930, the Rev. J. W. Margetson, Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral, welcomed a team of fifty to Edinburgh, and in 1933, F. B. - as Dr. Buchman likes to be called - brought a team of sixty to the United States in one more attempt to conquer his native land. Two thousand, five hundred persons attended his spiritual mass-meeting in the Waldorf-Astoria, during which Buchman discussed the depression, giving the following solution of his own:

"The President's Social Trend Report indicates there will surely be a revolution in this country. We are going to make it a spiritual revolution. What hunger marchers need is to be changed."

Although Buchman obtained only a few prominent American sponsors, his welcome in England upon his return to that country was almost a royal one; The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lord Mayor of London gave receptions for him. In the spiritual week-end that followed in London, more than five thousand people took part, with representatives from fourteen nations among them.

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4. An attempt to incorporate under it was refused by the authorities. Cf., Parliamentary Debates of Commons 1938-1939; Official Report Fifth Series, Vol. 348; June 5-June 23, 1938-39.

The slogan, Moral Re-Armament, as a solution for all the ills of the world, was presented by Buchman on May 28, 1938, in a London speech which later appeared in some twenty-two manifestoes, the essence of which was:

"The world condition cannot but cause disquiet and anxiety. Hostility piles up between nation and nation; labor and capital; class and class...The crisis is fundamentally a moral one. The nations must re-arm morally...imagine a rising tide of absolute honesty and absolute unselfishness sweeping across every country...a wave of absolute unselfishness throughout the nations would be the end of wars."

These manifestoes, which appeared in the British press over a period of eight months just prior to the Munich Pact, were combined in a pamphlet, entitled "MRA: The Battle For Peace", edited by H. W. (Bunny) Austin, the British tennis player. The first edition was printed in England in December, 1938. The signatures on these manifestoes included twenty-five peers and twelve baronets, all in important government positions; thirty-three MP's; thirty-seven champion athletes; twenty-one leading journalists; seventeen trade union heads; a number of industrialists; and a few distinguished academicians.<sup>(5)</sup>

A movement with such influence upon the makers of British public opinion and policy must have had in it an appeal beyond that of the familiar religious "revival", with which "Buchmanism" sometimes has been confused. (Actually, it has almost nothing in common with the familiar revivalist movements. A significant difference lies in the character of the leader, in the methods employed, and in the social position of the cultists.)

During this period, from 1936 to 1939, Buchman held huge MRA rallies and campaigns in England, urging cooperation among all divergent

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5. Among them were Earl Baldwin; the Marquess of Salisbury; the Earl of Clarendon, Gov.-Gen. of South Africa; Lord Desborough, Pres. of the London Chamber of Commerce; Lord Milne, former Chief of the Imperial General Staff; Lord Stamp of the Bank of England; and several others.



elements and nations, including the dictatorships. (The total result of this philosophy meant favoring peace with and appeasement of the dictators at any price. It was so persistent and widespread that the Oxford Group frequently has been held largely responsible for the surrender of the Western Democracies to Hitler at Berchtesgaden.)<sup>(6)</sup>

While the Swastika flag was carried at the MRA rallies and parades - on the grounds that thus MRA brought the nations together, the Soviet banner was not included.<sup>(7)</sup> On the other hand, although the movement never had any mass following in Nazi Germany, MRA apparently enjoyed the confidence and the support of a segment of the Nazi hierarchy in Berlin. Fritz Thyssen once said:

"Despite consternation caused by Hitler's shocking breach of faith after Munich, some people in England still believed that peace could be maintained. They placed particular trust, it seems, in Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo, because he was a member of the Oxford Group."<sup>(8)</sup>

Another famous Buchmanite, according to unconfirmed reports, was Rudolf Hess, Deputy Nazi Fuehrer, who flew from Berlin to the estate of the Duke of Hamilton, also a member of MRA, with a proposal for a negotiated peace between Great Britain and Nazi Germany, and a joint war against Soviet Russia. <sup>(9)</sup>

Buchman's close connection with and generous support by persons commonly associated with the "Cliveden Set" led to comparative eclipse of the movement in England after the actual outbreak of the war. MRA felt impelled to withdraw from that country, because the Buchmanites were under severe attack from the press, which commented disparagingly on MRA's share

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6. F.e., cf., National Review, London, November, 1941.

7. Cf. Report of Citizens Committee for Better Education, Los Angeles 28, California; March 1946; p. 4.

8. Fritz Thyssen, "I Paid Hitler!", New York, 1941.

9. PM, November 9, 1941.

in England's unpreparedness. Critics charged that at a time when the British urgently needed to be awakened to danger, MRA had lulled them with talk of moral, rather than physical rearmament, though never proposing this soft course to its Nazi friends.

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#### Strength and Structure of MRA

No figures on membership are available; the strength of the movement is a matter of speculation. Indeed, the leaders of the group deny that it has "members", or that it is an "organization". They claim to be interested merely in strengthening existing institutions. At any rate, MRA has grown in the last fifteen years, though not as a mass movement. True, at the Stockbridge (Mass.) session in the summer of 1936, the attendance during the week varied between two thousand and five thousand people. Of these, some 1500 were members of teams, leaders, and regular followers. More proselyting literature was sold at this affair than ever before in this country. Yet, in America, there have been no meetings of ten thousand or fifteen thousand people such as there have been in Europe and Canada.

The financial resources of MRA have not been disclosed except for the vague statement that MRA "has formed in the United States a non-profit corporation which receives voluntary contributions and supervises its expenditures". (10) The same statement also quotes unnamed persons as follows:

"A labor leader wrote, 'Since my wife saw the MRA play she has stopped nagging me. Here's \$10.' An Oregon storekeeper enclosed a letter from a school girl in which she said, 'Some time ago I stole a box of candy from your store. I saw the 'Drugstore Revolution' the other night and decided to be honest. Here is the

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10. "Moral Re-Armament - Democracy's Inspired Ideology", published by MRA, undated and anonymous.

\$2. for the candy.' The storekeeper sent on the \$2., saying, 'Any program which produces such results deserves the money!'. "

In 1939, the Buchmanites were attacked in the House of Commons as "canting cheats", and -- "Dr. Buchman and his followers have for ten years been obtaining money under false pretenses." (11)

Of particular interest is the claim that "For the past twenty-five years Dr. Buchman and teams of workers have traveled the world without salary. They have proved that 'Where God guides, He provides'." (12) The Almighty, however, seems to "provide" rather lavishly, because the movement is surrounded with luxury from the beginning: smart hotels and fashionable resorts, such as Stockbridge, Mass; Newport, Rhode Island; Mackinac Island; the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, the Drake in Chicago, and the Book-Cadillac in Detroit, are chosen for MRA meetings and conferences; top travel accommodations are always enjoyed by cultists; MRA "teams" travel first-class on shipboard to meet more "key people"; MRA is also noted for expensive publications, running into the millions of pieces, in addition to extravagant entertainments and performances, including privately produced movies and plays.

In August, 1946, it was reported that MRA bought the biggest luxury hotel in the winter sports paradise of Caux on Lac Lemane in the Swiss Alps, where Dr. Buchman established his permanent European headquarters. Here, MRA proposes to have a training school which is to embrace many activities. A grouper is said to have stated that

"We already have 600 people here and today a party of thirty-two arrived, including several British members of Parliament, and we expect hundreds more. The people of the neighborhood seem pleased and will benefit from the establishment of our headquarters." (13)

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11. Hansard "Parliamentary Record", June 13, 1939.

12. "Moral Re-Armament..." op. cit.

13. The New York Sun, August 15, 1946.

The structure of MRA tends toward a strongly centralized organization with nuclei of faithful and dependable "teams" throughout the country. David Lawrence once suggested that MRA should follow the methods of American political parties and "mobilize" the country against class warfare by the technique used to "mobilize" it for President Roosevelt.<sup>(14)</sup>

Basic to the Buchmanites' faith is the emphasis on "personal conversion". MRA, therefore, requires neither clergy nor church, although there are an indeterminate number of persons who devote their full time to the movement. The unit of administration is the "group" which can be of any size, but preferably one small enough to meet in someone's home. These "house parties" are held at frequent intervals, according to need and sometimes the need makes weekly meetings necessary. (The "house party" is exactly what the name implies: little or no ascetism, but an amalgam of recreation, entertainment and "religion".) The group is implicitly responsible to the "Inner Group" headed by Dr. Buchman.

True, there are genuine religious elements in MRA, and an indication of its appeal is the affiliation with the movement of the following personalities: Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Dodge, James D. Newton of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Mrs. Harry Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hale Smith, Mrs. Henry Noble MacCracken, and Mrs. Henry Ford 1st. <sup>(15)</sup>

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#### MRA's War Effort

A. In England: The officials of MRA are called "evangelists"; they appealed for those amongst them of military age, eleven in number, to be exempted from military service. Ernest Bevin, then Minister of Labor

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14. U.S. Daily, Washington, D.C., December 21, 1936.

15. See note 18 for the names of some of those who have commended MRA.

in charge of mobilization, declined to give the leaders privileges not given to heads of other bodies of quasi-religious background. The Buchmanites refused to accept this verdict; they were powerful enough (190 MP's signed the petition in their behalf) to bring the matter before both Houses of Parliament. On October 7th and 9th, 1941, their Parliamentary advocates appealed for special treatment for Buchman's adherents. In the course of the discussion, during which Bevin was charged with attacking religion, he declared that

"Under the Act, every person between the ages of eighteen and forty-one is liable to serve in the Forces, except those who are expressly exempted under the Act...My own view, and the view of my advisors is that by no stretch of the imagination can these men (the Buchmanites) be brought within the terms of the expressed exemptions of the Act."

Mr. A. P. Herbert, who spoke after Mr. Bevin, charged that he knew that in opposing the Buchmanites he was

"...up against this vast and ruthless organization...the language and technique of the Oxford Group company is strikingly and sadly similar to that of the Nazis (16)

B. In America: After the House of Commons action on November 9, 1941, Buchman's leading American disciple, Dr. Shoemaker, closed the doors of his Calvary Episcopal Church (81 Gramercy Park North, New York City) to MRA. In a letter to his parish, announcing that the group had been ejected from its national headquarters, Rev. Shoemaker stated that

"Certain policies and points of view have arisen in the development of Moral Re-armament about which we have had increasing misgivings...It has seemed advisable to us, after careful thought and prayer, that this house should cease to be used in this way, as of this date."

Although Rev. Shoemaker declined to amplify the statement, it was

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16. Cf. National Review, London, November, 1941.

generally presumed, at that time, that attacks on the sect made in the House of Commons contributed to the break.

In January, 1943, an outcry similar to that in England arose in the United States over the discovery that twenty-eight Buchmanites, forming one of the roving "teams", had been draft-deferred. New York State Draft Director, Brig. General Ames T. Brown, ordered the case re-opened and members of the local draft board said the groupers had been deferred because of political pressure from "high places". All but one of the twenty-eight were inducted.

The Appeal Board, headed by Charles H. Tuttle, recalled Dr. Buchman's statement<sup>(17)</sup> regarding Hitler, and noting that it had been published in 1936, added: "Careful research has established that the authenticity of these statements has never been repudiated nor their contents retracted by Dr. Buchman." The Board opinion, dated February 5, 1942, added that

"At the time when these statements were made by Dr. Buchman, Hitler's whole philosophy of the divine right of might and of Germany and of Germans as the super race, his purpose to overthrow democracy in Germany and elsewhere and his inhuman and un-Christian call for persecution and destruction of the Jews had been fully proclaimed to the world in Mein Kampf and in the decrees which he had already issued as the German dictator."

To grant NRA's claim, Mr. Tuttle wrote, would "jeopardize national unity and morale" and, "in my judgment, be not Moral Re-armament but moral disarmament. Its high-pressure methods to attain this special status, as directed at army-building officials, have recently met stern rebuke by the British Cabinet and by the House of Commons." Mr. Tuttle declared further:

"One has difficulty in believing that an organization which has been denied special immunity in the land of its birth

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17. See p. 2.

should secure such an immunity in an America at war - an immunity not asked by or accorded to any other lay religious organizations, be it the Knights of Columbus, other Catholic laymen's societies, YMCA, YMHA, B'nai B'rith, Christian Endeavor Society, evangelistic organizations, the Masonic order, etc."

No other of these organizations, Mr. Tuttle wrote, has "brought to bear upon the army-building authorities communications by telegrams and letters from holders of high Public office urging the deferment or exemption of its active workers."

During the hearings, letters of general commendation about MRA, written by important public figures, were submitted to support requests for draft deferments.(18)

Again in March, 1944, MRA was the subject of public concern when seventeen legislators of the State of Washington wired the House Naval Affairs Committee to investigate MRA in that state, which, they insisted, was impeding the war effort. However, it should be stated, in fairness to those men of the movement who did contribute their full share to victory, that thousands of MRA members were active participants in the war.

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#### MRA in the Post-War Period

The United States is the most recent of the English-speaking countries to receive Buchman's special attention. Again making a strong appeal for youth sponsorship and participation, highly concentrated pressure is exerted on public schools to accept MRA programs, activities and publications.

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18. Among the writers were Pres. Roosevelt, Gen. Pershing, U. S. Senators Robert F. Wagner of New York, Arthur Capper of Kansas and Elbert D. Thomas of Utah; Congressmen, including Rep. James W. Wadsworth of N.Y.



During the early summer of 1945, MRA gave a large number of copies of the MRA pamphlet, "You Can Defend America", together with a questionnaire, to the Detroit (Mich.) public schools to be used in English classes where instruction in theme writing and public speaking lends itself admirably to the confession-discussion technique. In fact, this material, (originally supplied free of charge and later bought by the children at the price of ten cents per copy) was indorsed by Marquis Shattock, Supervisor of Languages of the Detroit Board of Education. Shattock stated that he had participated at an MRA conference at Mackinac Island, where he learned of its fight against communism. He maintained that MRA had reduced the tension in one school. He denied, however, that he had ever given the movement a blanket endorsement, as claimed by MRA.

In August, 1945, the Commissioner of Education in St. Paul, and the Superintendent of Schools, together with twelve school children, went to Mackinac Island to attend an MRA conference. All expenses of the participants were paid and they returned professing enthusiastic interest in the movement.

In the succeeding months, with undetermined results, MRA sought to become active in the schools of Minneapolis, Newark (New Jersey) and Philadelphia. At the beginning of 1946, it conducted an all-out campaign for public school participation and cooperation on the West Coast. On January 17, 1946, Mrs. Eleanor Ballen, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, introduced a large MRA delegation, including Dr. Buchman, to a Board of Education meeting, where the MRA representatives, delivered speeches and presented a series of playlets. This moved the Citizens Committee for Better Education of Los Angeles to intercede with Superintendent Kersey, who assured the

Committee that MRA has received no official recommendation by the Board thus far, but that permission had been granted the group to make appearances at some city schools. There have also been reports of MRA announcements on some city school bulletin boards, and of MRA pronouncements being circulated in some classrooms.

The intercession of the Citizens Committee for Better Education was accompanied by a formal statement, dated June 6th, to the Board, protesting the granting of free access to the city schools to the MRA. Six months later, on December 19, 1946, the Board of Education issued a statement declaring that the programs and materials presented in the schools by MRA were within the prescribed curriculum, and that, in effect, the Citizens Committee objections were unfounded.

As recently as March, 1947, an MRA "task force" consisting of about 35 teen-agers, 35 veterans, and about 15 adults, representing a cross-section of American life, including business men, educators, and housewives, converged on Grand Rapids, Michigan, and opened a campaign to put across its program. They there presented the local premiere of the MRA playlet, "Drugstore Revolution", and gave a number of performances at various high schools and junior colleges. The group made a very definite impact on the community and received much favorable publicity. Many municipal officials and important lay-leaders extended support to the movement. It was claimed that the group received \$5,000 of "unsolicited" contributions.

Encouraged by the success in Grand Rapids, the group then proceeded to Lansing, Michigan, and scheduled for April 10th, a presentation of "Ideas Have Legs", MRA's current musical review.

At the beginning of 1945, MRA started to publish an eight-page

monthly bulletin, New World News, at a subscription rate of \$1.00 per year. The masthead lists as editors: John U. Sturdevant, DuBois Morris, Jr., Arthur Baker, and Peter Howard. Address: Post Office Box 1516, Washington, D. C. Post Office Box 17, Station Y, New York 21, New York, is given in MRA's recently started New World News Press Service.

In a circular letter of solicitation, a Dr. J. B. Colwell, 920 Tendilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, offers this news service free of charge to all editors desirous of reprinting its content. Dr. Colwell adds that "The cost has been underwritten by business men of vision who believe in the democratic way of life, and choose this means to oppose the inroads of materialism."

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#### Opposition to MRA

Buchmanism is today under the same attack on the political, economic, psychological and theological fronts as it was previously on the sexual. Many prominent churchmen, including such men as Dr. Erdman Harris and Dean Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary, New York, scathingly rebuked the movement for its alleged use of phony psychology, its claim of receiving infallible messages from God, and its ignorance of social dynamics.

The Bishop of Durham, of the High Church of England, inveighed against Buchmanism for "its naivete, adolescence, its meager and limited conception of Christianity, its tendency toward mysticism and its Biblical literalness". H. R. S. Phillpot, a British writer, maintains that the "Scandals in the movement are hushed up...the darkest shadow is the trail of moral and intellectual wrecks that its progress leaves behind".

Halford E. Luccock, a British author, described the movement as "extremely partial, fragmentary and a superficial presentation of Christianity", and its "picture of God, presented again and again...is not so much of a Father as a solicitous grandfather."<sup>(19)</sup>

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor of Applied Christianity at the Union Theological Seminary in New York, denounced MRA in no uncertain terms:

"The increasingly obvious fascist philosophy which informs the group movement is in other words not only socially vicious but religiously vapid. The slightest acquaintance with the history of Christian thought on the problem of the relation of the absolute demands of the gospel to the realities of politics and economics would prove its childishness. A careful study of the gospel itself, particularly its abhorrence of the self-righteousness of the righteous would reveal the danger of any doctrine which promises powerful men the possibility of fully doing the will of God. They had better be admonished that after they have done what they think right they will remain unprofitable servants.

"The Oxford Group movement, imagining itself the mediator of Christ's salvation in a catastrophic age, is really an additional evidence of the decay in which we stand. Its religion manages to combine bourgeois complacency with Christian contrition in a manner which makes the former dominant. Its morality is a religious expression of a decadent individualism. Far from offering us a way out of our difficulties it adds to the general confusion. This is not the gospel's message of judgment and hope to the world. It is bourgeois optimism, individualism and moralism expressing itself in the guise of religion. No wonder the rather jittery plutocrats of our day open their spacious summer homes to its message!"<sup>(20)</sup>

Most recently, The Churchman of May 1, 1947, in an editorial headed "Buchmanites Castigated", vigorously denounced MRA. Referring to a pamphlet by Dean Higgins of St. Mark's Cathedral, Grand Rapids; by Bishop Whitmore of the diocese of Western Michigan; and by John R. Bratt, professor of Calvin College of the Christian Reformed Church, The Churchman quotes Dean Higgins'

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19. "Buchmanism: An Escape", in The World Tomorrow, January 18, 1933.

20. "Hitler and Buchman", Christian Century, October 7, 1936.

declaration that the members of MRA should not be allowed to carry

"their organizing propaganda into parish life...One sees in the ideological structure of MRA its 'new social order under the dictatorship of God', the raw materials of what could become a highly dangerous and powerful threat to the very social virtues MRA professes to serve--individual liberty and democratic institutions."

The Dean touched a tender spot when he mentioned "the marked preference of MRA for people of publicity or promotional value. The MRA is little interested in the little fellow, although the movement is not necessarily after the money; the primary consideration seems to be the news value of the conver." The Churchman concludes:

"The Churchman, almost from the inception of the Buchmanite movement, has underscored the hokum that the movement has always represented. During the war days, when Buchman was saying complimentary things about Hitler, the movement was perhaps more dangerous than at present. But it has always been a pity that so many church people fell for the racket."

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### Conclusion

Since the movement has not been organized as a separate sect, but represents itself to be an interdenominational revival of spiritual energy throughout the Protestant Church, accurate statistics as to the number of Buchmanites in the world are unavailable. The center of their strength is in England; they have made some headway in South Africa and in Canada; their "teams" have been enthusiastically received in Norway, Denmark and Holland, and they claim missionaries in sixty countries; the only large nations left "uninvaded" are Russia, Germany and Italy. The Buchmanites themselves have refrained from compiling lists of conversions, relapses or reconversions.

In view of the Movement's secular activities prior to World War II, the current course of Buchmanism deserves attention until its future objectives are clearly delineated.

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## INTRODUCTION

In the constant stream of anti-Semitic and other anti-democratic publications, there are some which are worthy of special attention because

1. They create the issues of the day for the general hate movement, or
2. They are more skillful in their use of language, giving their arguments and statements an appearance of plausibility, or
3. They have a relatively wider circulation than the average hate sheet.

Although frequently there is little evidence to show prior consultation among the publishers of these particular periodicals, their combined content sets the general pattern for the remainder of the hate movement's propaganda activity. When the significant few increase the virulence of their attacks upon the Jews, it is a signal for others of lesser importance, influence and subtlety to intensify their assaults upon the Jewish community and upon American democracy as a whole.

This issue of The Facts deals with several of these more significant hate periodicals.

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UPTON CLOSE AND R. H. WILLIAMS

At the beginning of this year, Upton Close issued a 44-page anti-Semitic pamphlet entitled "The Anti-Defamation League and Its Use in the World Communist Offensive", purportedly authored by a former army major, Robert H. Williams, (333 McHenry Road, Glendale, California) a staff member of Close's publication, Closer-Ups.

The essence of Williams' booklet, the style of which bears a marked resemblance to Close's writings, is that the majority of Jews are communists; that the Jews participated prominently, and out of their proportion to the total population, in the Russian Revolution; that the Anti-Defamation League was largely instrumental in the rise and continued growth of communism, etc.

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In order to lend his falsehoods, distortions and fabrications an air of objectivity, and in an attempt to avoid revealing himself as anti-Semitic, Williams profusely praises the American Council for Judaism, while at the same time, holding Jews responsible for almost all conceivable evils that have beset the world for the last century, and particularly during the last two or three decades.

Mr. Williams, in his essay, resorts to the overworked propaganda device of attributing his information to such unidentifiable sources as "it was a common saying", "so many of our neighbors", "I have statements from trusted sources", "another observer writes", "some authorities insist", "it is reported in numerous references", "some pamphlets issued by large,

influential Marxist-Jewish groups in America", etc. In those instances where he identifies a source or quotes from a purported authority, to give the impression of authenticity, investigation reveals that some of Williams' authorities are non-existent, others are either misquoted or distorted, and still others are in fact brazen anti-Semites.

In one of his libelous statements, Mr. Williams uses the Army's name in support of the following:

"In my own experience in Intelligence I found Jewish officers and soldiers whose Americanism could not be questioned. But I am forced to admit, not without foreboding, that those Jewish officers and soldiers who did not show a preference for Communism and who were not fanatically pro-Soviet were the fewer in number. Among Intelligence officers and CIC investigators, it was a common saying - and I know Communist-fronts will denounce me as anti-Semitic and a Fascist for reporting this - that 'seventy-five percent of the Jews in the army are pro-Comunist.'" (P. 18)

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In order to give Mr. Williams the appearance of a man of integrity and undeniable credibility, Mr. Close presents him, in the "Editor's Note", as "Major Robert H. Williams (Air Reserve) Counter-Intelligence, as conscientious an officer as our Military Intelligence ever had...". However, inquiry revealed that Mr. Williams is not and never was in Military Intelligence, nor Military Intelligence Reserve. During the war he was apparently engaged in local combat intelligence for the 314 Bomb Wing Squadron, as a security and counter-intelligence officer for that squadron.

Further evidence of Mr. Williams' misrepresentation was contained in a letter by the Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, dated May 28, 1947,

and addressed to Judge Meier Steinbrink, National Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. Sections of the letter read as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT  
Washington

28 May 1947

Hon. Meier Steinbrink, National Chairman  
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith  
212 Fifth Avenue, Suite 601  
New York 10, New York

Dear Judge Steinbrink:

I have had "Closer-Ups Supplement No. 1 -- The Anti-Defamation League" by Robert H. Williams, carefully checked as a result of your letter of May 1, 1947. I assure you that nothing contained within that pamphlet referring to the character of Jews in the Army had been prepared as the result of any information gathered by Mr. Williams from any official records within the War Department while he was in the military service. His statements reflect the thinking of one individual and do not express any opinion or statement of the War Department.

Mr. Williams served as a major in the Army of the United States (Air Corps) during World War II. He was for a time an intelligence officer in an air squadron overseas, but he was not concerned, in that capacity, with the investigation of Communists or any subversives. His work had to do with weather and air intelligence. He is not now a member of the Air Reserve and is no longer connected with the military service.

Any statement made by Mr. Williams was not made as an agent of the War Department, but was made as a civilian without the consent of or prior approval of the War Department. His statements cannot be considered as reflecting the attitude of the War Department.

Our army, made up of Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, brought us the greatest victory in our history and any statement which would reflect unfavorably on the loyalty of any racial or religious group among them is utterly without foundation.

Contrary to the statement in the pamphlet, B'nai B'rith has a record for patriotic service which was recognized by both Army and Navy citations.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Robert P. Patterson

Robert P. Patterson  
Secretary of War

Williams' defamatory pamphlet, the first two editions of which numbered 20,000 copies, was printed by Powers and Company in Detroit, Michigan. It has been receiving wide distribution at meetings and by mail throughout the country; Senators and Congressmen in particular have been circularized. But most revealing are the individuals, organizations and publications which have made great efforts to promote the distribution of this scurrilous pamphlet. Among these were a number of former defendants in the Washington sedition trial. For example, Ellis O. JONES distributed it in front of the offices of the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities; it was sold by Salem BADER at the April 8th, 1947 meeting of the Public Affairs Forum, a strongly anti-Semitic organization in Los Angeles, California, headed by Earl C. CRAIG; at the Gerald L.K. SMITH meeting on April 21, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, it was recommended and sold by Smith's lieutenants; it was peddled by Conrad GRIEBE at the April 25, 1947 meeting of the Women for the USA\*; and the anti-Semitic National Blue Star

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\* This recently established organization is headed by Mrs. Catherine P. Baldwin, who was a close associate of Elizabeth Dilling and a protagonist of Father Coughlin. For further details, see The Facts, Vol. II, No. 1 January, 1947.

Mothers sold it at their meeting in Philadelphia on May 2, 1947.

Furthermore, it was offered by post-cards dated March 29, 1947, by Earl SOUTHARD'S distribution agency for anti-Semitic literature, the Citizen's Press, in Chicago. Also, others of the obstructionist press throughout the country carried articles urging the reading of Williams' pamphlet. Among these were C. Leon de ARYAN's The Broom, of San Diego, California, in its issue of April 21, 1947; Eugene FLITCRAFT's Gentile News, Chicago, in its April, 1947 issue; Gerald B. WINROD's Prayer Circle Letter of April 30, 1947; Charles B. HUDSON's America In Danger, of Omaha, Nebraska, in the issue of May 23, 1947; the Anglo-Saxon Federation's Destiny magazine of May, 1947; and the Christian Veterans Political Counsel bulletin, Chicago, in its issue of May 2, 1947; and Court ASHER's X-Ray, of Muncie, Indiana, in the issue of June 20, 1947.

Williams' document was not only endorsed by various pro-fascist elements, but was also utilized by some as a fund-raising medium. Thus, Harvey H. SPRINGER, the "Cowboy Evangelist", of Englewood, Colorado, promised in a circular letter a free copy upon receipt of a financial contribution to his work. And Gerald L.K. Smith, in his News Letter of April-May, 1947, informed his readers that those who respond to the financial appeal of Smith's publication would receive a copy of Williams' pamphlet, adding that all those who contribute more than \$10.00 would receive a copy of Theodore G. BILBO's book, "Take Your Choice".

In other words, Williams' pamphlet has become the foremost current textbook for the hate movement.



MEADOR PUBLISHING COMPANY  
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This publishing firm, run by Edward K. Meador, recently published a book, entitled "Rise, America" by Peter L. Xavier. The author, a 46-year-old son of a Norwegian-born Nebraska minister, and an ostensible World War II veteran of the United States Army, devotes part of his dedication to the America First movement: "To all Americans who fought and worked to keep their country out of World War II, who so bravely lost." He lists for special mention Charles A. Lindbergh and his wife Ann; ex-Senator Burton K. Wheeler; William R. Castle, Assistant Secretary of State in the Hoover Administration; and General Robert E. Wood.

In the volume, President Roosevelt is described as a "cagey politician" and as the "arch traitor of the 20th century" who perpetrated a "monstrous betrayal of the American people." On the other hand, Xavier indorses the fascist cause and its defeated leaders in Europe. Hitler is praised as

"a magnetic orator, a capable organizer, a man of deep spiritual conviction (who) gathered about him men of a like stamp...Their Storm Troopers have been pictured as an unmixd evil, a band of ruffians who terrorized all opposition to Hitler into submission.

"The record shows that much of this violence was used to defend National Socialist meetings against the attack of Communists who tried to break them up by force. Was that a crime?" (P. 40)

Coupled with this defense of Nazi brutality is another description of the Nazis, whom Xavier defines as

"...strong self-made men, who fought their way to power in the midst of a popular revolt. Harsh and often unjust they may have been, but we have been given no adequate view of the other side of the story. We forget that the so-called persecuted minorities did not always have clean hands."

Grinding out this pro-Nazi propaganda, Xavier remarks that "Propagandists have tried, only with too much success, to make Hitler out as a menace to the world." Mussolini is also eulogized as

"...the man who fiercely fought the Communists and on October 30, 1923, ordered the 'March on Rome', where he was named premier, continuing in that capacity for two decades to combat the Red Peril. Certainly, the rule of this once powerful man was far from being the unmixed evil that latter years propaganda has portrayed. Order, efficiency and food meant something to the distressed and imperilled people."

Understandably, Xavier's volume is recommended by Frederick Kister of the Christian Veterans of America, an anti-Semitic, nationalist group supported by Gerald L.K. Smith. In its regular column in the National Progress, W. Henry MacFarland's anti-Semitic publication, the CVA wrote on March 15, 1947, about "Rise, America", as follows:

"This book is written by a veteran who is also a member of CVA. The book deals with the scheming and treacherous forces of Internationalism. The author sounds a political call-to-arms to all true Americans, urging them to rise against their international oppressors and restore the independence of America."

Purchasers of "Rise, America" receive a free copy of John Hawland Snow's "Government by Treason", a pamphlet which describes the United Nations as a "fabulous fake", and frowns on international trade and monetary agreements. Snow, who is also the author of an apology for Tyler Kent - the code clerk in the American Embassy in England, who spend five years in a

British prison for violating the War Secrets Act - also attacks the FEPC as a "heinous" bill.

The Meador Publishing Company, with a long record of similar publications to its credit, published the writings of America Firsters and individuals of similar orientation. The catalogue of Meador contains about 350 titles, among which is, for example, L. I. Schrader's "Exposé of Religious Fraud", which refers to the Jews as follows:

"Whether the Jews wrote the bible or whoever did, it was to suit themselves and they somewhat exceeded other races and Gentiles in chicanery, scheming and plunder."

Also widely publicized by Meador are the three volumes of "Memoirs and True History of Oklahoma" by ex-Governor William "Alfalfa Bill" H. Murray. Recently, Murray wrote a booklet entitled "Palestine - Shall Arabs or Jews Control it or Americans Admit 100,000 Communist Jews from Behind the Iron Curtain?" In this document, Murray demands that, while the control over Palestine be given to the Arabs, all Jews be shipped to Madagascar, British Guiana or Africa, except those Jews whose families came to America before the turn of the century.

The July 25, 1946, issue of Women's Voice, edited by Lyril Clark Van Hynning in Chicago, Illinois, contained a three-quarter page advertisement offering for sale two Meador published books on the subject of Money: "Lightening Over the Treasury Building" by John R. Elson and "The Story of Our Money" by Olive Cushing Dwindell.

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KAMP'S NEWEST LITERARY OUTPUT

"How" - by Joseph P. Kamp; published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., New York; 32 pages.

"Communist Carpetbaggers in Operation Dixie" - by Joseph P. Kamp; published by the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., New York; 32 pages.

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While illiteracy is a curse, it does not follow necessarily that literacy is a blessing. This old truth was reaffirmed by the newest two booklets authored by the executive vice-chairman of this so-called "Educational League", with New York headquarters at 342 Madison Avenue.

The first pamphlet outlines in detail the methods to be followed in organizing a "Patriotic Action Committee", allegedly to fight communism. The proposed program of this Committee, according to "How", is the formation of local groups throughout the country for the purpose of influencing Congressional action, as well as the distribution of literature. To this end, Kamp's "PAC" must fight "alienism" and "alien-thought" by being "loyal to AMERICA FIRST, last and always". But "to be an American", Mr. Kamp insists, "you must be a Nationalist". And strangely enough, he admonishes his readers "not to select the individual who believes everything hinges on the Jewish question". He calls upon his followers to "Guard against those who resort to prejudice, hate or bigotry".

But in the second pamphlet this praiseworthy stand is vitiated on the second page, where Kamp derides "Stetson Kennedy of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (who) with the help of the New York agents of a

Semitic smear bund presumes to 'expose' the South".

This labor-baiting pamphlet, which attacks the CIO's attempt to organize the South, takes refuge in the old device of adding to every name mentioned, the ostensibly real name (and the place of birth, where the person in question is foreign-born): "Joseph Gaer, whose real name is Fishman, was born in Russia"; "Clarence Low (Lowenthal)"; "Merrill nee Cohen". Another way Kamp expresses his anti-Semitic sentiment is to cite repeatedly Jewish personalities associated with allegedly un-American organizations and causes. For example, he states that:

"Rabbi Wise....helped his daughter Justine organize the first Communist 'lesson in revolution' in America -- the Passaic strike."

He also assails Arthur Goldsmith as "the behind-the-scene contact man for the Jewish Gestapo and Semitic smear-bund". While minimizing the cross burnings and other manifestations of the KKK, he returns to his subject by blaming the CIO for brewing race hatred with its subsequent lynchings and race riots.

These most recent propaganda publications by Kamp, expensively printed, are but two of a very large number of leaflets and booklets distributed by Kamp and his organization over a period of a decade. Kamp has had a long association with such leading native American Fascists as Lawrence Dennis, Hudson de Priest, Elizabeth Dilling and Allen Zoll. In 1938, Kamp was one of the sponsors at a dinner given General Van Horn Moseley, who was shortly afterwards exposed as the front for a number of notorious subversive groups.

From 1935 to 1937 Kamp was editor of the Awakener of which Lawrence Dennis was co-editor, and Jung and Kelly contributors. So well did it

represent Fascist thought, that it was recommended by "World Service", the official Nazi propaganda agency operating from Erfurt, Germany. In 1938, Kamp discontinued the Awakener and began to operate through the Constitutional Educational League. Under its auspices Kamp published "Join the CIO and Help Build a Soviet America" and won the undying praise of "World Service". Kamp claimed to have distributed over two million copies of this misleading pamphlet.

In January, 1942, after Pearl Harbor, the League circulated a book by Kamp, titled, "Why Win the War...and Lose What We're Fighting For?", the theme of which was why avenge Pearl Harbor when enemies within the Government would destroy the Constitution, etc.

At present, Kamp continues to cloak his real purpose in an anti-communist camouflage, and the current two pamphlets are worthy products of the League's mischievous existence.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1947

The tempo of attack against democracy was stepped up considerably not only in the patently anti-Semitic periodicals, but also in those which have been subtly unfriendly. Apparently the editors act on the assumption that the American electorate, in allegedly repudiating New Dealism, registered its specific endorsement of a narrow and aggressive Nationalism. Accordingly, these periodicals, with growing intensity since November, 1946, have devoted their efforts to the espousal of a "republican" representative form of government, as against the "democratic" form.

Derogatory and inflammatory accusations have been levelled against liberal organizations dedicated to the protection of democratic rights; the validity of democratic institutions (more particularly the educational system) has been questioned or indicted; Jews are closely linked with communism, and are charged with undermining the very foundations of the United States.

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The publications reviewed here are:

The Economic Council Letter, ed. Merwin K. Hart; pub. The National Economic Council, New York City.

Destiny, ed. Howard B. Rand; pub. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

National Progress, ed. and pub. W. Henry MacFarland, Jr., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

IMP'S Bulletin, eds. and pubs. Ralph and Edward Norris and Clinton F. Mallin, Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Economic Council Letter

This semi-monthly organ of the National Economic Council has a five-fold policy:

1) It comes to the aid of organizations and individuals whose avowed purpose is the establishment of a totalitarian form of government by defending the Christian Front, the indicted seditionists and The Columbians, attributing the charges against them to "Anti-Gentilism". While accusing some of the daily press of bias in reporting the news concerning these groups, the Council Letter arrives at the following noteworthy conclusion:

"A few days ago certain newspapers, notably the New York Post, the New York Times, the New York Herald-Tribune, and Marshall Field's thing called PM, all of which in varying degrees seem to be furthering the Communist front program, broke into hysterical accounts about accusations brought...against a group of veterans in Atlanta known as 'The Columbians'...Some inquiry among informed people leads us to believe that this attack is likely to prove a repetition of the instance six or seven years ago when New York City was startled by the sudden arrest of seventeen or eighteen so-called Christian Fronters who were accused of the most heinous crimes against the safety of the American people. The charges...boiled down to just exactly nothing at all...It was a pure case of anti-Gentile persecution.

"In the same class has been the frantic efforts...to convict from 28 to 30 alleged seditionists for conspiracy...The Constitutional rights of nearly all of the accused were flagrantly violated... And this, too, was without question another flagrant instance of anti-Gentile persecution." (Jan. 1, 1947)

After "linking" reputable newspapers with communism, the March 15 issue continued its defense of the indicted seditionists, charging the Department of Justice with violation of "some of the most precious rights guaranteed to citizens". It then compared the "same alien-minded forces that had all along been fomenting this persecution" with the defendants who "had the guts to fight".

2) The Economic Council Letter, in its intensified attack upon organizations active in exposing and combatting anti-democratic forces, seeks to discredit the Anti-Defamation League and the Friends of Democracy by falsely linking them with communism:

"(They are) extremely left-wing. All of them have been ready to attack any individual who has spoken up against Communism. All of them represent an alien-minded, if not an alien, influence that we strongly suspect is at the bottom of all the persecution and hamstringing of American citizens in recent years." (January 1, 1947)

On the basis of these "accusations", the Council Letter demands a Congressional investigation of both the ADL and FOD. This demand for Congressional investigation had previously been voiced by the Economic Council's Letter, in its issues of November 1st and December 1st, 1946:

"The vital facts about all this can be obtained by adequate Congressional investigations...we have strongly urged investigation of both the 'Anti-Defamation League' and 'Friends of Democracy'.

"Let the Congress, through an appropriate committee, pitch in here and ferret out the truth. Let them publicly expose the dirt they find. No more wholesome thing could happen in the United States." (January 1, 1947)

3) The Letter indulges in a sustained effort to discredit a large national religious body concerned with interfaith and interracial good will - the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America - charging that it is infested with Reds and fellow-travelers. In the issue of January 1, 1947, it states:

"In no field has there been more subtle undermining of faith and confidence in the American way of life than through the Protestant churches. We mentioned in an earlier Letter the work of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, the extremely left-wing organization in the Episcopal church. Nearly all the Protestant churches have corresponding left-wing groups. Nearly all of them are connected with the

Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. We have said before that in our opinion the Federal Council is one of the most useful allies of Communism in the United States."

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare, "known as a Communist front", was injected into the discussion over the fitness of David Lilienthal, who "has long been in sympathy with ideas and ideologies that add up to Communism". (February 15, 1947).

4) The Letter conducts a constant campaign against our educational system. It charges that communism is rampant in our schools and colleges and continuously upbraids parents for sloughing off their obligations and duties to their children by permitting educational institutions to carry on campaigns of alleged communist indoctrination.

"Anti-American propaganda...is now penetrating our schools and colleges harder than ever...(they) literally swarm today with teachers who first question the American way of life and then openly denounce it." (January 1, 1947)

The Letter links its attack on "alien" influences with its consistent onslaughts on "democracy" and its pleas for a "Republic" as the basic concept of our form of government.

"...a growing number of people are recalling, in spite of the aliens who tell us to the contrary, that the United States is not - and never was intended to be - a democracy...We are a REPUBLIC." (January 1, 1947)

Rose Wilder Lane, editor of the monthly Economic Council Review of Books, elaborated upon this point:

"It is necessary only to read the Federal Constitution to see how carefully the founders of this Union guarded against two forms of tyranny: monarchy and democracy. Democracy is majority control of the political power; it is majority rule... today anyone who reads a newspaper should know that democracy created Hitler and wrecked Europe. Of all the lies that corrupt American thinking, weaken the Constitution and threaten to

destroy this government of Law protecting human rights, the most insidiously corrupting and destructive is the approving use of the word 'democracy'...it is a Communist tactic." (February, 1947)

5) A new wrinkle has appeared in the Letter, which for many years has been a consistent opponent of the Democratic Party. Though it had urged defeat of the allegedly Communist New Deal in the November, 1946 elections, the Economic Council Letter soon revealed serious doubt as to the integrity and patriotism of some Republicans. On June 1st, it declared:

"...it is a weird, conglomerate makeshift, devised by impractical enthusiasts, shrewd politicians with eyes glued on vociferous domestic minorities, and a vindictive, resourceful coterie whose heart is in Moscow. It is to this un-American course that Senator Vandenberg and other Republican hopefuls have been saying 'me, too!'".

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### Destiny

This monthly, published by the Anglo-Saxon Federation, and allegedly concerned only with religious matters, strangely enough, emphasizes economic and international affairs. Its anti-Semitism lies in the fact that frequently it attributes many of the world's ills to the Jews. Destiny insists that it represents the "true" Jews, the real descendants of Isaac ("I-Saac-Sons") "who was not a Jew". It vigorously resents any criticism or condemnation of its viewpoint, despite its admission that organized Christianity does not support its contentions. Referring to a list compiled by Religious Analysis Service, Inc., an inter-denominational agency designed to combat many of the false "isms" that claim to be founded on the Bible, Destiny reacts violently to its number one position on this list:

"We have listened to our opponents present their arguments... we have been challenged to prove that organized Christianity upholds our stand and, because it does not, this has been used as evidence against our position." (February, 1947)

Destiny's anti-Zionist sentiments serve merely as a pretext to launch its general attacks upon the Jews. It fails to distinguish between the general Jewish population and the underground activities of special Jewish groups. In connection with the Palestinian problem, President Truman is also assailed as a "politician, not a statesman", who was seeking the vote of the so-called "Jewish bloc":

"Mr. Truman...like many others, is accepting the Zionist program either through ignorance or because of political expediency that he may win a few Jewish votes. It will not avail nor help the Jews to try to give them what God has already decreed is not theirs to possess...this entire question may plunge the world into a third and completely disastrous armed conflict. (December, 1946).

Contrary to fact, Kenneth de Courcy, in his column, "Review of World Affairs" originating in London, maintains that "Russia is...encouraging and partly transporting European Jews upon their illegal journeys toward Palestine..."

Expressing deep concern for the future of the United States, Destiny warns the members of Congress about "pressure groups", and charged in its June issue:

"There has come into being in America an organization known as the Anti-Defamation League, whose definite purpose is to destroy the one means by which America has been able to retain her freedom...This is the right of every American to express his views...without being labeled or intimidated by pressure groups. That day is now past, for under the guise of pretending to fight intolerance certain organizations are endeavoring through obnoxious labels to suppress facts and confuse the public while at the same time they are hastening the communization of the United States of America."

Robert H. Williams' pamphlet, "The Anti-Defamation League and Its Use in the World Communist Offensive" is cited as proof of the charge that the ADL is communist:

"Sinister forces in our midst have done their work well...It would be impossible to print all the facts here, nor will space permit, but with painstaking care Major Williams... has prepared a report which...is purely an investigation into a specific organization and its relationship to human rights and American procedures...  
(Order from Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.)"

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#### National Progress

The declared purpose of this semi-monthly mimeographed sheet, issued by W. Henry MacFarland, Jr., is to wage "unremitting war with any and all foreign doctrines or teachings" and which "stands in solid support behind the Nationalist Movement in this country".

Editor MacFarland devotes considerable space to the activities of Gerald L.K. Smith and F. Kister's Christian Veterans of America and to advertisements and endorsements of such people as William Kullgren, editor of America Speaks and Beacon Light Herald; Austin J. App, author of "Ravishing the Conquered Women of Germany"; Gerald Winrod, editor of the Defender; Marilyn R. Allen, author of "Judaic-Communism Vs. Christian-Americanism"; and Charles Shelton and Conde McGinley, editors of Think Weekly, and others.

The attitude of the "Nationalist" movement toward Negroes and Jews is made clear in the following excerpts from the December 15, 1946, issue:

"The two minority groups which first acted to identify their own special requirements were the Jewish, through the medium of their Anti-Defamation League and the Negro, using the now powerful National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as their spokesman."



In its issue of February 15, 1947, National Progress maintains that "The Jewish Problem in the United States is worsening daily" as a result of the "troublesome demands" of the Jews and their "insufferable arrogance". "Such a situation cannot long endure" because "of our desire to keep inviolate the White-Western-Christian identity of our American republic".

In order to obtain this goal, National Progress advocates the "promulgation of a Constitutional Amendment which would ban from further immigration all persons of Oriental, Negroid or Eurasian racial descent, and all others who are not of the Christian faith".

Concluding its vilification of the Jews, National Progress lambastes the B'nai B'rith which

"...has clearly demonstrated that it does not dare meet any American in public discussion of the root causes of anti-Jewish feeling in this country. Of course, had we a record as infamous as that 'enjoyed' by the B'nai B'rith we too would shrink from entering in public debate which would bring the record to light!" (May 15, 1947)

MacFarland abandoned the publication of his Philadelphia Nationalist after the May 1 issue, but enlarged the scope of his activities by undertaking the mimeographing and mailing of IMP'S Bulletin (see The Facts, September, 1946) beginning with the March-April number. This magazine has undergone a change in editors. Victor H. Lindstrom, Sr.'s place has been taken by Clinton F. Mallin, former assistant editor, and by Ralph and Edward Norris. Although the new editors announced that the publication will change from a quarterly to a semi-monthly, it has appeared only irregularly.

IMP'S has not changed its anti-Semitic policy. The most recent issue contains Lindstrom's response to the Anti-Defamation League press release, "Hate Set to Music":

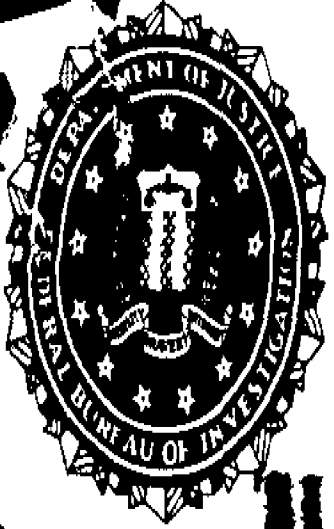
"I defy anyone to select a single composition from the catalogue as having any anti-Semitic or 'hate' propaganda therein.

"The Jew is an entirely different character from the Israelite. Judaism is the very antithesis to Gentilism; clearly stated in the Jewish Talmud as follows: 'THE BEST OF THE GENTILES--KILL'. Since ASCAP--BMI--SPA are predominantly Jews, it follows as the reason why thousands of American writers have been swindled out of both copyrights and money ever since these groups were organized.

"...I might add in conclusion, (Arnold) Forster, that if it is your ambition and that of your Jew tribe to continue 'HATE PROPAGANDA SET TO MUSIC', better be sure you kill all Gentiles, otherwise your own toes may be turned toward the sun!...We have had too much Judaism in our fair land for comfort already. Our Gentile population do not care for any more. (Former publisher of IMP'S Bulletin Victor Lindstrom, Sr." (March-April 1947.)

These publications all pursue a similar line, losing no opportunity to identify the Jews with subversive and undesirable tendencies in our American life. Noteworthy is the rising tempo of their attacks upon Jews and their persistent efforts to identify Jews with Communism.

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Dear Sir:

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There is being enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter written by N. N. OHRBACH, President of Ohrbach's Incorporated, Union Square, New York City. This letter was obtained from Major ROBERT H. WILLIAMS, who advised he had obtained the letter from G. H. RICHARDS, 605 Martin Drive, telephone Crestview 6-6488, who is the owner of Radio Station KMPC. The original letter is understood to be in the possession of Mr. RICHARDS. Major WILLIAMS advises that this letter is extremely confidential and sets out the activities of the Anti-Defamation League for the years 1944 and 1945.

The letter is being enclosed for the general information of the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD, SAC 36 AUG 18 1947

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RE INFORMATION CONCERNING ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

... throughout the world ... PRINCIPLES ...  
of our position as equal citizens in a country where our struggle is against  
personal ends, but builds toward a stronger, more closely knit Americanism  
All men are free and equal.

The fight must go on ... it must go on on every battle in every  
channel of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation  
League of B'nai B'rith ... that it can't go on without your support. This  
JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL needs \$4,000,000 to carry out the program.

All Jewish communities ... large and small ... will want to help  
Americans and as Jews they must help ... as Americans and as Jews they must  
making sure that the Joint Defense Appeal reaches its \$4,000,000 goal.

You can help by bringing the message of our needs to all other responsible  
members of the Jewish community. You can help by taking the initiative in seeing  
that your Welfare Fund makes an appropriate allocation to the Joint Defense  
Appeal — make sure that the Joint Defense Appeal receives an adequate and  
proportionate share of the funds raised in the community — where there  
are no Welfare Funds to take the initiative and make sure that funds are raised  
through some other means — through congregations, lodges and other groups in  
your community — Make sure that your community, too, joins in the fight  
against anti-Semitism by contributing the utmost to the 1945 Joint Defense  
Appeal Campaign for \$4,000,000.

You know how important the problem of anti-Semitism is ... you know our  
program of action ... you know our requirements for 1945 to be \$4,000,000 ...  
and you know how we can reach it by following our simple formula:  
increased gifts ... plus ... increased numbers of givers ... equals ... our goal

Today, all avenues of propaganda and its dissemination — radio, magazines, motion pictures — are geared for attack against the Nazi ideology. This assures us maximum cooperation and a maximum impact. We must have funds to take the fullest advantage of this unusually favorable situation.

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But let's bring this down to the community and personal level. What does this defense program mean to your community?

This defense program being carried on by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League means your security today. It means the plans for your children tomorrow. It is your assurance that you may live as a member of your community, and that your community will exist in a healthy, democratic environment — as accepted and equal part of a Democratic nation. Defense means your right to conduct your business, send your children to college, continue to contribute to all the philanthropies of which the Jewish community is so proud and famous. But it is even more than that. It is your right to go to the polls as a citizen and vote ... to worship ... to dream ... to plan ... to grow in an ever growing, healthy atmosphere.

The coordinated defense program of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith ... supported through your contribution to the Joint Defense Appeal ... is, in essence, the Jewish community's permanent protection against any emergency ... DEFENSE during the aftermath of post-war economic dislocation and the problem of the ensuing rise of anti-Semitic agitation ... PRESERVATION of the Jewish community ... MAINTENANCE of our ability to continue building a stronger, better community as a healthy and desirable part of America ... SECURITY of our opportunity to help our less



(3) Labor Program: Bringing organized labor into the fight against anti-Semitism.

(4) Scientific Research and Analysis: Isolating the microbes of hate and measuring the effectiveness of overcoming the disease. This new project will utilize the services of the Institute for Social Research.

(5) Overseas Activities: Fighting infectious anti-Semitism before it has a chance to spread to our shores. Active campaigns for abrogation of Nazi legislation, indemnification, repatriation, and related problems are scheduled for 1945.

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Summing up the \$4,000,000 campaign of the Joint Defense Appeal, it can be said that never before has such a small amount of money been able to buy such a vast program of action. This was made possible only because of the cumulative experience of the two agencies over a period of well nigh forty years. However, this campaign must be fully subscribed — over-subscribed — so that we may not miss this opportune moment of striking a decisive blow at our enemies now — at a time when American receptivity is at its peak, now when Fascist cruelty has been clearly demonstrated through the exposure of their atrocities in Europe.

Every dollar expended today has greater fighting value in terms of tomorrow. There is no better time to capitalize on the momentum of the nation's anti-Nazi feelings than today. Tomorrow, post-war readjustment problems will be the focal point and our moment of great opportunity shall be gone.



(12) Education Does Its Share:

With educational organizations we share in the development of teaching manuals and materials designed to give American youth a better understanding and appreciation of the cultural values of the varied groups which together comprise the American people.

This department has been strengthened by the addition of professional staff, highly trained in the phases of inter-cultural education.

(13) COMMUNITY SERVICE DIVISION:

The Community Service Division consists of: the central staff, over 150 public relations committees in as many cities, fourteen regional offices, 2,000 key men in 1,000 cities. This Division is a clearing house for information and service for the national organizations and the community groups -- adapting national projects for local community use, aiding in local problems, circulating information and maintaining constant contact between Jewish communities.

HAVING COVERED ALL THESE IMPORTANT AREAS WE NOW PLAN TO GO  
FIVE IMPORTANT STEPS FURTHER IN THE COMING YEAR:

New Project for 1945:

- (1) Visual Education: Preparation of a series of 16 mm. films for use by schools, labor unions, civic groups.
- (2) Veterans' Program: Enlisting the fighting men in the battle for the preservation of the freedom for which they fought.

findings are published in their regular publications, "The Contemporary Jewish Record," The "Committee Reporter", "The A.M. Newsletter", and "Facts About Fictions Concerning the Jews", and a host of similar books and pamphlets ... totaling a publication circulation of one-half million copies.

(10) Pro-Democracy Organizations:

Labor, educational, veteran and other organizations devoted to the cause of American democracy, willingly join with the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League in an all-out effort to prevent scurrilous and unfair attacks on any group. Typical of these activities is our recent cooperation with the American Legion, and our project with the Writer's War Board, designed to eliminate stereotypes, which represent racial and religious groups in an unfavorable light, from our literature.

(11) Religious Organizations:

Through cooperative religious organizations we promote inter-faith activity, channel pro-democratic material to the religious press, aid in the development of religious textbooks and supply information to ministers, religious writers for honest presentation. For instance, this year the Anti-Defamation League has established a new group called, "The Christian Friends of the Anti-Defamation League" composed of leading clergymen.

adaptation of "Tomorrow the world", 3,000,000 copies of "The Leather Hecks Have Landed" and 5,000,000 copies of "Hop Harrigan".

(8) Facts and the Law applied:

The Fact-Finding and Legal Investigation Division is the emergency section of the defense program. It has undergone tremendous expansion in the past year, in line with the function of dealing with overt manifestations of anti-Semitism and organized activities of anti-Semitic groups. The facts gathered by the Division are channeled to the proper authorities for remedial action and use as a guide for the over-all operations of the defense program.

(9) An Arsenal of Information:

The Research Division and library staff maintain a storehouse of catalogued and assimilated facts — 20,000 volumes in the libraries — files of newspapers published throughout the world — over 2,000,000 individual items of pertinent information to the defense program, catalogued in the clipping file over a period of ten years — rare official documents sought after by government agencies, analysts and writers. The Division responds to a continual stream of requests for their recognized reliable information from newspapers, magazines, schools, public institutions, private institutions and from Community Relations Councils of every Jewish community; from Rabbis, Ministers, writers, public relations counsellors, faculty and students in Colleges and Universities. Analyses, studies, bibliographies and other profound

(4) 330,000 Books This Year:

More than 330,000 copies of important books carrying our message were distributed to libraries and other institutions where they are accessible to the public this year, as against 50,000 last year. Material and complete ideas have been furnished to writers whose books are published through this division.

(5) 9,000,000 Pamphlets:

Our Public Relations Division has distributed more than 9,000,000 pamphlets this year, as against 3,000,000 of last. All are tailored to fit the audiences to which they are directed.

(6) Reared by 7,200 Audiences:

Through cooperation with non-profit lecture bureaus, we presented the most noted names on the lecture platform to a total listening audience of more than 30,000,000 people this year, representing an increase of 200 listening audiences over the preceding year's activity.

(7) 40,000,000 Comic Books:

This effective medium for reaching the younger generation and the men in the Armed Forces has undergone tremendous development. We have received the cooperation of the leading comic book publishers and comic book writers in the adaptation of our material, and have been successful in assisting in the production and distribution of 6,000,000 copies of the comic book

(2) New Advertising Media Employed:

Our series of 26 full-page ads are now running in 397 newspapers, as contrasted with 234 in the preceding year, with a current total of 2,000 insertions, as against 1,000 of last year, and now reaching a total circulation of 100,000,000 readers, representing a total dollar value of advertising space estimated at \$691,520. This campaign is now appearing as a series of twelve posters on 1,000 billboards being displayed in 130 cities and valued at \$250,000. It has been readapted on 16,000 car cards, being displayed in the transportation systems of 24 cities, through space on payroll envelopes, blotters, and millions of matchbook covers.

(3) All Newspapers and Magazines:

Every publication day throughout the year the general press — 1,900 dailies with a 43,000,000 circulation — the rural press, the foreign language press, the Negro press, the labor press — with 10,000,000 readers — receives and uses some material from this division. To the city desk go news releases — background material, cartoons and even comic strips for the editorial and feature writers. Many requests for material emanate directly from the publications which have come to recognize the authenticity and reliability of this division's information on contemporary Jewish affairs.

This is a program of action based on the understanding that 75 out of every 100 Americans will reject anti-Semitism if they know all the facts ... If they know that anti-Semitism is a trick to destroy American principles ... If we can expose the unscrupulous motives of divide-and-conquer ... If the American people are made aware of the fact that anti-Semitic hate propaganda endangers America and the freedom of every American.

This is a high-powered educational program, geared to reach every man, woman and child every day of the year ... a program through the press ... over the radio ... through advertising ... comic books ... schools ... speakers ... information ... community service ... movies ... churches ... labor ... and special groups ... a program that expands in accordance with expanded needs. It is dynamic in keeping with current trends, and constantly on the alert in order to combat each new situation as it arises.

This is a coordinated defense program, involving professional techniques and mass media geared to reach all the 136,000,000 American men, women and children.

(1) Over the Air 216 Times a Day:

In the field of radio we have averaged more than 65,000 individual station broadcasts this year, as against 60,000 last year, averaging more than 216 individual station broadcasts a day ... every day in the year! "Variety", the entertainment magazine, presented the American Jewish Committee with a special award this year for outstanding work in the field of radio ..... "with dignity and honor for utilizing this specialized medium for the good of the American people."



These organizations require financial support -- large sums of money are necessary to operate a vast machine of appeal to people.

This year, the Joint Defense Appeal of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith must raise \$4,000,000 ... against \$3,000,000 last year ... \$4,000,000 is a minimum to do a national job ... to provide for an expanding program ... to finance new areas of activity now being undertaken ... to provide for material for new channels ... to provide for public opinion and scientific research.

Four million dollars is the Joint Defense Appeal's basic minimum for 1945 ... not a reserve fund, but the rock-bottom requirement to carry on this work for the coming year. It is important that every technique, every possible method, every line of responsibility be fully utilized in order to assure the success of this campaign. The simple working formula for putting the Joint Defense Appeal campaign over the top is this:

Increased Welfare Fund allocations ... A larger share of the increased giving to Welfare Funds ... A proportionate and fair share of Welfare Fund allocations ... commensurate with the importance and urgency of the defense program.

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The 1945 coordinated defense program of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is a militant effort to expose and destroy anti-democratic forces in America -- designed to bind all the peoples of our country into a community which honors and upholds human rights and equality.



When the war entered the war, there were those who believed that anti-Semitism would immediately disappear -- because of the general pre-occupation with the war and the identification of anti-Semitism with Nazism. This expectation was ill-founded. Later, there were those who believed that anti-Semitism would immediately disappear upon the ultimate defeat of Hitler and the Third Reich. It is now apparent that this expectation, too, is unfortunately, ill-founded.

Countries in Europe never before infected with anti-Semitism, upon liberation, now are showing definite trends toward bigotry -- for instance, Holland and Belgium.

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Neither circumstances nor wishful thinking, nor well-meaning friends ... nor anything other than directed, concentrated, dynamic action -- now -- will defeat our enemies ... This is the action no one will take for us ... if we do not act for ourselves.

This war on the home front requires men highly trained and skilled in the techniques of combatting religious and racial bigotry ... Men who know anti-Semitism for what they are ... Men who can unleash the power of printed and spoken word weapons of truth and decency for our protection.

This is a gigantic undertaking that requires facilities, strongly constructed ... built up over a period of ten years of special techniques and experience in defense work.

We are fortunate in having two excellent organizations representing us and responsible to us -- the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

**MEMORANDUM**

To : Nathan E. Schwartz, Regional Chairman

DATE: June 15, 1945

From : Philip Chasman

SUBJECT: The 1945 Joint Defense  
Appeal Campaign for  
\$4,000,000.

Recent impartial public opinion polls, conducted by independent  
organizations, reveal these facts, not as yet released to the general

OUT OF EVERY 100 AMERICANS

33 ... ARE INFECTED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM!

25 ... ARE OPPOSED TO ANTI-SEMITISM!

40 ... HAVE NO FIXED OPINIONS and can be swung to  
either the group opposed to anti-Semitism  
or to the group definitely anti-Semitic.

This is an accurate cross-section of present-day public opinion —  
simply stated, this means that 33,000,000 Americans are anti-Semitic ... now!  
not a pre-Pearl Harbor reaction, inflamed to the fever pitch by Nazi propaganda.  
Here is the opinion of the American population today — after V-E Day, with  
the war against the Hitler gang won!

Then what of post-war America? ... imminent tensions? ... unemployment  
problems? ... economic dislocations? ... general business uncertainties? ...  
general social unrest? Add all these facts ... and subtract complacency!

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New York, N.Y. - Newark, N.J.

July 6, 1945

Union Square  
New York

The enclosed memorandum will take you just  
nine and one-half minutes to read. I believe  
it is more and one-half minutes which will be  
of extreme importance to you as an American  
and as a Jew. Won't you please read it!

This memorandum was prepared for my use by the  
staff of the Joint Defense Appeal of the  
American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defama-  
tion League of B'nai B'rith to outline the case  
for our 1945 campaign. I believe what it says  
is so important that I have thrust it upon myself  
to mail it out to all of the men and women who  
are helping to make our campaign a success.

I should deeply appreciate your comments and  
thoughts after you have read it.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Chirbach

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October 8, 1947

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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Enclosed please find the September  
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Kindest personal regards -

Sincerely yours,

*Paul Richman*  
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WALTER S. STEELE

In the past six weeks, the Anti-Defamation League has received from many different quarters numerous inquiries concerning Walter S. Steele, his background and record of activities. This interest arises undoubtedly because of news stories concerning Steele's recent appearance before a Congressional Committee. We have delayed presenting this report until it could no longer be construed as an answer to that Congressional appearance. It should be borne in mind while reading this memorandum, that the ADL is not concerned with Steele's anti-Communism per se. Rather is it interested in the total effect of his activities upon the American public mind.

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PREFACE

Walter Steele has been on the fringe of American politics for more than twenty-five years. Some paint him in the image of the National Republic Organization which, in 1942, was characterized by the United States Army Intelligence Service as "a Fascist organization which should not be allowed in the public schools of Puerto Rico."

As his organization's "ace investigator of communist activities for a quarter of a century" Steele has established a clear record of his political attitudes. A careful review and analysis of the accumulated facts concerning him reveals that he is an anti-Communist extremist; that his extremism has led him to:

- A. Support of Nazi propaganda from Germany prior to the collapse of the Third Reich by his endorsement of a Nazi propaganda book.
- B. Approval and support of many of the defendants in the so-called Washington, D C. mass sedition case.

- C. Attacks upon Americans prominent for their anti-Nazi activities.
- D. Indulgence in covert anti-Semitism.
- E. Stigmatization as virtual Communists of many prominent persons who are loyal Americans; placing his emphasis on New Dealers and Jews.
- F. Attacks upon the American trade union movement
- G. Demands for almost complete economic and political ostracism for those with whom he disagrees.
- H. Die-hard isolationism.
- I. Wholesale alien-baiting; accusing every prospective immigrant of being a Communist.

The ensuing survey deals in detail with the foregoing, and presents the material on which it is based.

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### Introduction

On July 21, 1947, speaking in behalf of the National Security Committee of the American Coalition of Patriotic, Civic, and Fraternal Societies, (1) Walter S. Steele testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning Communism in the United States. Never during his presentation of 300 pages of truth, half-truth and nonsense, was it pointed out to the Committee that Steele was there speaking for an organization (the American Coalition) which had been named in the 1942 mass sedition indictment as a tool of the defendants. The Committee did not even find it necessary to interrogate Mr. Steele about his own record in the past. Here are the facts:

Steele's Political Background

Steele, a former alderman of the city of Muncie, Indiana, began his career as a newspaperman in that city. He came to Washington, D. C., in 1924, to join the staff of The National Republic Organization, which, he has declared, is devoted to research into and exposure of the evils and dangers of Communism.

Ever since then, Steele has been concerned with the Communist movement. He appeared as a star witness in 1934 before a House Committee on Un-American Activities, headed at the time by Congressman John McCormack (Dem., Mass.), and, in 1938, before another such committee, headed by Congressman Martin Dies (Dem., Tex.). His testimony and the exhibits submitted at the latter hearing totaled 402 pages, nine of which were devoted to Nazis and Fascism, the rest dealing with what Steele called "Communism". Of these 393 pages, twenty were devoted to "proving" that the American Civil Liberties Union was a "Moscow Front". A major part of his testimony was designed to demonstrate that Communists had already undermined our cultural activities, our schools, and institutions of higher learning. Steele, at great length, presented the entire trade union movement in the United States as "Communist controlled" and un-American. Analyzing the "control" of the press, Steele asserted that the Communists possessed the largest "monopolistic press" in the United States. He offered as proof a list of approximately 1,000 publications, which he described as anti-democratic and subversive, including such organs as the Farmer's National News, the publication of the National Dairymen's Association; lumping mild socialist journals with completely insignificant, crackpot periodicals of religious nature. Regarding fascism in the American Press, Steele named about ten publications he alleged were controlled by Nazis. A very large number in

his "subversive" list were legitimate labor publications and periodicals known for their progressive and anti-Nazi policy.

Steele's minimization of the Nazi menace was repeatedly pointed out by some of his political adversaries. Steele responded to this charge in an article, entitled "The Dies Report--What It Means", which appeared in the February, 1940, issue of the National Republic magazine (edited by Steele and discussed later). In it, Mr. Steele gives the following explanation:

"To show that the committee made no distinction between subversive groups it also mentioned the Nazi bodies in its report. True, such did not occupy the large space many anti-Nazis considered necessary, but that was because it was not so strong as Communism nor had like ramifications; then its activities were in such clumsy form as to defeat its evil purposes and certainly hastened the decline instead of building up such anti-American bodies."

(While this report is not concerned with the Communist issue, it is, nevertheless, worth-while to refer to Steele's recent testimony on Communism before the House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities. In it is revealed his lack of credibility, his tendency to exaggerate, and to smear people to whom he is opposed. Certainly some of the facts sworn to by Steele are true, but his testimony as a whole was marked by ignorance and irresponsibility. For example:

(He spent a good deal of time "revealing" that a man named Lewis Corey is listed in the Antioch College catalogue as an instructor at that institution. Corey, said Steele, is really Lewis Fraini, a charter member of the Communist Party. What Steele did not know or tell is that Lewis Corey, whose name was formerly Fraina, broke with the Communists more than twenty years ago, and has been bitterly fighting them ever since.)

(In connection with the penetration of Communists into the colleges

and universities, Mr. Steele charged that subverters at some of these institutions have already embarked on research studies in nuclear physics. For instance, he said that Dr. Frank Oppenheimer, who now teaches atomic energy at the University of Minnesota, is a Communist who taught physics until April, 1947, at the California Labor College. This is particularly noteworthy, Mr. Steele pointed out, because this San Francisco college is accredited for G. I. training and the propaganda of Dr. Oppenheimer caused a row in college circles there. Mr. Steele ignored the fact that Dr. Oppenheimer, whose brother, Robert, is one of the nation's chief wartime atomic scientists, categorically denied, in a statement of June 12, 1947, that he ever had been a member of the Communist Party.)

(Mr. Steele then continued that, for one reason or another, several radio commentators, whom he describes as "Red-Fronters", have left the air, and included in this list Dr. Frank Kingdon. The fact is that Dr. Kingdon is still broadcasting each night at 10:30 over Radio Station WINS, and each Sunday morning at 10:15 over Station WOR.)

In 1933, a Nazi propaganda book entitled "Communism in Germany", which was originally published by the Eckart Verlag (Eckart Publishers) in Berlin, was widely distributed in the United States. The volume had a frontispiece with quotations from Hitler. The introductory note, headed "Why Americans Should Read This Book", was signed by Steele, Hamilton FISH, Harry A. JUNG, John B. TREVOR, and others. In recommending the book, the signers of the Foreword state:

"Here is a challenging book. It should be read by every citizen because it presents the history of the life and death struggle Germany has been waging against Communism ...The value of this German expose as an object lesson to other countries has led our committee to place it in the hands of leaders of public opinion throughout the United States."

"This book is not a defense of anti-semitism nor is it a defense of the principles or measures of the Hitler Government. The bitter opposition of many to some phases of the Nazi domestic program should not blind us to the reality of the Communistic threat."

In this paragraph, Mr. Steele and his associates were cautious enough to disassociate themselves from anti-Semitism. However, the volume itself, which they thought should serve "as an object lesson" to our leading citizens, contains the following anti-Jewish attacks:

"The total contrast to Jewish-Marxist-Bolshevism is exclusively represented by German National Socialism." (p. 178)

"Nobody could dare seriously to attack Bolshevism who did not know the way out of the social misery, disintegration and slavery. That is why all other aims and movements were bound to fail, and that is why National Socialism was bound to conquer."

"No other nation can be disinterested in whether the heart of Europe sinks into Bolshevism or sets about an internal and external healing process in an honest and inspired manner. Germany has taken the lead in the fight against the universal enemy and has thus undertaken a mission which it will not abandon until it has been accomplished. Many other nations and states have sufficient insight and good will to recognize this and follow the German example." (p. 179)

Steele was one of the participants in the 1936 "Ashville Conference" ostensibly called to consolidate the opposition to Communism in the United States. In attendance were many of America's leading professional anti-Semites. It has been charged that this conference was actually called to consolidate nationally the anti-Semitic movement. Participating, for example, in this notorious conference were James TRUE, Harry Jung, Gerald B. WINROD, Col. Eugene N. SANCTUARY, Robert E. EDMONDSON, Royal Scott GULDEN and others, who are widely known for their activities in the dissemination and exploitation of anti-Semitic propaganda, and in the publication and circulation of slanderous fabrications, legends and rumors regarding the activities, religion and history of the Jews.

Steele's Associations

The February, 1936, issue of The National Republic magazine proudly displayed on its inside front cover a letter of approval from Col. Eugene Nelson Sanctuary, a defendant in the Washington sedition trial. Sanctuary wrote:

"It is with regret that I have not found time to tell you how much I appreciate the splendid work you are doing."

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When Mrs. Elizabeth DILLING, another defendant, staged her "Mothers March on Washington", and created such a disturbance in the Capitol building that she was arrested, Steele mildly protested her manners, but approved her objectives. Thus, The National Republic of March, 1941, had a photograph of Mrs. Dilling with the following caption:

"Mrs. Albert Dilling, better known as author of 'Red Network' and 'Roosevelt Red Record', led a group of mothers to the capitol. They wanted to see Senator Pepper of Florida and Senator Glass of Virginia. Both refused to see the group. They protested. Mrs. Dilling and another mother were arrested. The Senators, as public servants, should have received the mothers. Mothers are right in protesting against giving their sons to wars that are foreign to our interests, but the women should have made their protest more in keeping with their station in life..." (p. 24)

The attitude of Steele toward the sedition case was extremely significant. He demonstrated his disapproval of the Government's position, even before the evidence was fully presented, as illustrated in the pages of the February, March, April and May, 1944 issues of his The National Republic:

"Under a new Government Prosecuting Attorney in the person of John Rogge, the 'sedition case against the 33' was revamped, indicating insufficient evidence to sustain the Government's original case." (Feb., p. 9)

"It is the business of the Government to run down and prosecute all subversive activities, but there should



be discernment shown in accepting the charges of pro-Communists and Communists against a group of alleged pro-Fascists and vice versa to the end that all dangerous, as well as crackpot subversives receive like treatment before the bar of justice. The National Republic stands for prosecution under law of all offenders, be they subversives of any stripe, with partisan favoritism to none who would overturn our Government, or the republican form under which it operates." (p. 24)

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Lawrence DENNIS was described in this feature article as an "erudite former diplomat and author who was routed out of bed at 4 a.m...."; of Joseph E. MCWILLIAMS it was reported that "he will subpoena as his first witness none other than Judge Samuel Rosenman, one of President Roosevelt's closest advisers."

Of all the defendants, Mrs. Dilling, characterized by Steele as "The firey (sic) little author of "The Red Network", which aroused the enmity of the New Dealers...", was regarded apparently with special sympathy by him; considerable attention and space was devoted to her. She was quoted at length without editorial comment from Steele:

"This is my third annual indictment, and if the New Deal does not resort to perjured testimony there is nothing for me to fear. The important thing about these indictments and the trial to come is that all are proof of the one-man government that now confronts the citizens of the United States. It is here, one-man or dictator government, the thing we are fighting on foreign soil. You will recall President Roosevelt's Christmas eve speech. He said he had returned to find an outbreak of bipartisan sentiment or words to that effect, and that he hoped it would subside. If one-man government which the Communists want is to be the end of all this--why we have it now." (2/44, p. 24)

In the succeeding issues similar bias for the defendants is evident and was manifest in the November, 1945 issue. Under the heading, "Reds Drive For Rebirth of 'Sedition' Trials", the editorial in The National Republic states:

"Washington's mass 'sedition trial' seems to still be news...Recently the 'Communist Party line' newspaper PM, published by Marshall Field, claimed it had in its possession information that the Department of Justice was under pressure to drop the trials of 29 alleged 'seditionists'...

"In a recent edition...PM...proposed that Attorney General Clark bring Julius Streicher, Karl Haushofer, Manfred Zapp, Fritz Wiedermann and K. O. Bertling, Nazi bigwigs, to the United States to testify at the reopening of the sedition trial, yet the sedition defendants were derided some time ago when they proposed that Rudolph Hess be brought here for the same purpose...The C.I.O. and Communists are also driving hard to keep the case alive for propaganda purposes, so as to take heat off of the Communists and C.I.O."

Steele's support of the indictes did not remain without response:

Gerald B. Winrod wrote of Steele in his Defender of December, 1937, as "the great patriot"; Mrs. Dilling, in her book, "The Red Network", accords very friendly treatment to Steele, describing him as

"...manager of the '100 per centers' National Republic magazine...and author of its articles on subversive activity which are unsurpassed, and who has sent excellent special information. All 'patrioteers' need 'The National Republic'..."

The dedication of Mrs. Dilling's book, published in 1934, lists these  
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"100 per centers", with Mr. Steele occupying sixth place.  
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Edward J. SMYTHE, violently anti-Semitic and anti-Catholic founder of  
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the Protestant War Veterans of America, wrote in his column in Publicity of  
Wichita, Kansas, of December 19, 1940, that:

"Here are American Patriots: - That I want every Christian American to always remember - These fine men and women are signing a real Declaration of Independence - but they are likewise signing warrants for their own arrest and imprisonment in concentration camps, of and when war comes."

This list includes Walter S. Steele, Gerald B. Winrod, Robert E.  
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Edmondson, Charles B. HUDSON, William Dudley PELLEY, George DEATHERAGE,

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Elizabeth Dilling, James True, William KULLGREN, (all of these except Steele  
former sedition defendants) Father COUGHLIN, Harry Jung, Charles LINDBERGH,  
(19) (20) (21)  
Jacob THORKELSON, Gen. George Van Horn MOSELEY, and Ernst GOERNER.

John Roy Carlson, in his book, "Under Cover", described Steele as a  
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friend of Prescott DENNETT of the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee, of  
James True, the inventor of the "Kike-Killer", and of Elizabeth Dilling.  
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According to the same source, Steele was also associated with Joseph P. KAMP,  
of the Constitutional Educational League. Steele has repeatedly denied these  
charges; has responded to them in his National Republic Lettergram, (discussed  
on p.19) No. 150-151, with such statements as: "Editor Walter Steele is con-  
tent to have loyal Americans decide between him and his slanderers."

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(It has been charged several times that Steele, together with Harry  
A. Jung, was instrumental in distributing the spurious and defamatory  
"Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion". Steele, however, has repeatedly and  
emphatically denied this accusation. The April, 1946, issue of The National  
Republic magazine contained the following: "Mr. Steele has never purchased,  
sold, given away, or collaborated in the printing or distribution of that  
scurrilous document, and Kahn, Spivak, Gossner, Hoke, Carlson, or any of the  
other professional baiters cannot prove the contrary.")

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#### National Republic Organization

With present offices at 511 Eleventh Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.,  
and at 103 Park Avenue, New York City, this organization was established in  
1918 in order to fight the "corruption of a generation of American youth".  
According to a report of the United Press Special Service Bureau of September  
2, 1933, the founders were: Former Republican National Chairman John T. Adams;

Charles D. Hilles; C. H. Huston; former Senator George B. Lockwood; Pennsylvania Senator James B. Davis; Illinois former Senator William B. McKinley; the oil magnate W. G. Skelly; and other Republican leaders of that time. Since the inception of NRO, Walter S. Steele and Frank P. Litschert have been managing editor and business manager, respectively, for the organization's publications.

NRO claims a national membership of at least 200,000 persons and allegedly is supported by yearly membership dues at the rate of \$7.50 per year, as well as by voluntary contributions. The organization also claims to have 35 field investigators scattered throughout many principal cities, whose work is two-fold: a) to distribute its literature, circulars and posters, printed in its own printing plant; b) to gather all possible information anywhere in the country, about individuals or organizations engaged in subversive and un-American activities; and to forward to headquarters any evidence or information, gathered in this way. As a matter of fact, the three rooms of its Washington offices are filled with extensive files on over 400 "Red" organizations and on over 10,000 "Engineers of Radicalism". Purportedly, when, in the opinion of Steele, his information warrants Federal investigation or attention, the information is made available to the proper Government agency.

Among NRO objectives, as stated in its "Call to the Builders of America", (undated) is the following:

"...to register and fingerprint all aliens in our United States; to deport all aliens on relief and all alien law-breakers, and the slashing of existing immigration quotas by ninety per cent. Under present laws one hundred and fifty-two thousand aliens are pouring into this country every year. We have in our United States seven million aliens. Many of these are potential spies and enemies in time of war. Many are a real enemy even in the time of peace. We as American citizens should know immediately where to point our finger at every alien within our land in the event trouble arises.

"There should be a ban on employment of aliens by the federal government. Hundreds of thousands of aliens are holding jobs in our United States, drawing hundreds of millions of dollars in wages, which are rightfully the heritage of American workers. Alien criminals who are roving at large and are preying on our citizens should be deported and our enormous crime bill materially cut."

"At least one out of every eight persons on relief in our land is an alien. Supported, housed and fed by American taxpayers, many of these aliens plot the overthrow and destruction of our form of government."

"Senator Reynolds of North Carolina, and Representative Starnes of Alabama have drafted the above legislative program. National Republic's entire national organization supports this program and is working day and night for its passage into law."

This educational program is executed through:

"...a weekly editorial service to 1300 American newspapers; through a bulletin service sent regularly to school teachers and educators, youth organization leaders, key people in industrial ranks, veteran organizations, judges, ministers, district attorneys and police chiefs; through a nationally circulated monthly publication devoted to fundamental Americanism; through special releases and pamphlets; through direct information to radio speakers, lecturers and debators, national and state legislators, and through a huge illustrated poster service."

"In 1940, over 1,400,000 pieces of literature on this subject were distributed through this organization; over 50,000 letters on the subject were handled; our material was used in hundreds of addresses before huge audiences and over the radio; special information was prepared for over 12,000 individuals and organizations, including legislators, chambers of commerce, governmental agencies, police departments, radio speakers, industrialists, farmers, labor leaders, educators, and publishers of newspapers, magazines and books. Other publications carried over 10,000,000 lines of our material in 1940 "

In addition to this work, which also includes essay contests in schools, the distribution of 150,000 flags, reading courses on patriotic subjects, and various other types of activities, the NRO, through its National

Republic Publishing Company, also publishes two monthlies: The National Republic magazine and the National Republic Lettergram.

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The National Republic Publishing Company

The records of the Indiana Corporation Department of February 6, 1917, show that a corporation known as the National Republican Publishing Co. was organized under the laws of that state. (25) This company published a magazine known as the National Republican, founded by a group of nationally known leaders in Republican affairs and regarded as a semi-official organ of the Republican Party. The magazine featured articles against socialism, communism and in defense of constitutional government. This publication was discontinued in January, 1925.

On August 25, 1924, the name of the corporation was changed to the National Republic Publishing Company. The purposes of the corporation under the reorganized charter were "to engage in the business of printing and publishing newspapers, magazines, circulars, bulletins, and to do all things necessary and incidental thereto not contrary to law." After its reorganization on November 14, 1935, the following persons were listed as officers of the corporation: (26) Carl W. Riddick, President; (27) Frank P. Litschert, Vice-President; Walter S. Steele, Secretary-Treasurer.

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The National Republic Magazine

This monthly, appearing for the first time in 1925, proclaims the following principles on its masthead: "For - Fundamental Americanism; Constitutional Representative Government; Constructive National Policies"; and

"Against - All Subversive Movements Inimical to American Ideals, Traditions and Institutions". The subscription rate for this magazine is \$2.00 per year.

Listed as Counsel for the publication, is Roscoe J. C. DORSEY, who was a member of the Committee on Military Affairs of the American Coalition Society; Dorsey was also attorney for John B. Trevor, the Coalition's president, in the House hearings on immigration on May 24, 1939.

In the September, 1934, issue of the National Republic, the entire inside cover was devoted to books which, the editors believed, "Every patriot should read", including "The Red Network" by Elizabeth Dilling; "TNT", by (28) Col. Edwin Marshall HADLEY, and "Sinister Shadows" by the same author, who was one of the original directors of the anti-Semitic Paul Revere Society and active participant of the Ashville Conference.

The defense of Father Coughlin has occupied the pages of Steele's magazine. The arrest of 17 "Christian" Fronters brought the publication to the side of Coughlin in an article headed "'Christian Front' Inner Circle Seized" in the issue of February, 1940. The story asserted that the FBI had only a circumstantial case; that the boys were accused on a mass of thin evidence, adding that

"Efforts are being made by the enemies of the Detroit radio priest, Father Charles E. Coughlin, including certain rabbis, clergymen, leftwing educators and Communists, to connect him with the Christian Front. The priest, however, disclaims any direct connection with the organization represented by those arrested. He admits having advocated at intervals the formation of 'a' Christian front, but not 'the' Christian Front in controversy, one he says which would safeguard Christianity and our institutions from atheistic Communism."

The attitude of the Steele publications toward native pro-Fascists is demonstrated by the following description of George DEATHERAGE, from the



October, 1942, issue of National Republic:

"George Deatherage, the 'white-Camellia' (shirt) leader, has been removed again from a Federal war-time job. Deatherage...who according to his superiors, was 'doing a good job in his government position', is suffering because of his past close 'Nazi associations' and this supposedly made his work with United States Army Ordnance impossible."

Much space is devoted in the magazine to anti-alien bills and propaganda against "foreigners". Prospective immigrants are all labeled Communists and therefore must be excluded from immigration. In the January, 1940, issue of the magazine, Steele urged that the United States rid itself of aliens, since all immigrants are from Russia and ipso facto Communists or Communist sympathizers. Objecting to further immigration on the ground that these "hordes" come to the United States to take "the jobs of real Americans", he quoted as authority for such statements, the former U. S. Senator from North Carolina, Robert Rice REYNOLDS, a most vigorous alien-baiter.

Steele's obvious anti-alien attitude, disguised as patriotism and anti-Communism, was six months later stripped of its camouflage in an editorial of June, 1940, headed "Fifth Column American Style", in which the propagandist maintained that

"We are now face to face with the probable necessity of putting our best real American boys into uniform to 'protect' the hundreds of thousands of European and Asiatic 'visitors' and 'refugees' left on our hands by New Deal loose immigration policies, and not only protect them, but also watch them closely for the kind of 'fifth column' activity that resulted in their being expelled in many instances from the countries of their birth."

Here Mr. Steele's true sentiments become apparent. For in this paragraph, he virtually repeats the Nazi lie that the United States entered the war to save the Jews; and here he even strongly implies that the monstrous

deeds of Hitler against European Jewry were justified.

Mr. Steele, like most of those he supported, was a staunch isolationist, but it is interesting to note how he expressed his isolationist views; a National Republic editorial (February, 1941) declared: "Our government will become as totalitarian as the governments of Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini the very minute we take a hand in any way to save 'democracies'..."

Up to 1941, the magazine had been careful not to openly espouse anti-Semitism, although on frequent occasions, it did carry articles strongly tainted with anti-Semitism. Thus, the September, 1939 issue of the magazine reprinted an article which it stated had appeared in the Catholic monthly, Ave Maria of Notre Dame, Indiana, stating:

"When the reds in Spain were endeavoring to destroy every vestige of Christianity...When Russia was starving to death five million peasants, closing churches, and spreading anti-God propaganda...When the Mexican rulers were doing all in their power to blot out Christianity, the 'Catholic Committee' produced no weapon to combat anti-Christians. But now when the influential Jews, nearly all of whom were supporters of the anti-Christian forces in Spain, are being pointed out as enemies of Christianity and democracy because of the Communistic tendencies, the 'Catholic Committee' arises to defend them from their persecutors. The Jews in large measures control all avenues of communication - newspapers, radio, theatres..."

"...when atheistic Jews are pointed out to be working with the Communists for the overthrow of the government, the Jews instead of denouncing them and feeling humiliated by their conduct, set up a cry of anti-Semitism."

(The Catholic Committee thus attacked was the Catholic Committee to Fight Anti-Semitism, a thoroughly democratic group of progressive and liberal Catholics, now defunct.)  
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A Zionist splinter group (the Revisionist military defense unit "Betar") was used as a pretext for an anti-Semitic attack in the September, 1940 issue:

"It now develops, according to credited sources in this country, that certain Jewish elements within our nation have mobilized an army and are drilling them in New York City...What would be more patriotic than for these Jewish fighters to enlist not at the nation's call, not in a Jewish army; not for Jewish welfare but for America's welfare."

The article concludes with the ominous warning that if Congress allows such a Jewish army "it certainly cannot prevent an anti-Jewish army or training school to exist."

Because of its subtle use of anti-Semitism, of special interest is an article which appeared in the September, 1941 issue, entitled "The Nazis are Waiting" by Karl von Kant which attempted to prove that the Nazis are especially active in South America, and that they are ready to take over. The article, purporting to be an interview between von Kant and a German identified as Konrad, includes:

"I pursued the point to ask him if the Jewish refugees were also 'pro-Nazi'. He laughed loudly and almost shouted. 'Do you think Hitler would be foolish enough to let the Jews get out of Germany and spread their lies today when Germany needs laborers most? I learned that quite a few of the so-called 'Jewish refugees' who are leaving Europe today are Nazi agents sent out by Hitler."

During 1946, the National Republic printed several articles containing anti-Semitic statements or implications. In the January issue, on page 14, is found, "The Jews are, in every land, a small minority...Suppose the majority of the people elect an anti-Semitic regime which persecutes the Jews? Could that terrible outrage be considered 'sacrilegious'..."

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A fairly regular feature writer for the magazine is Dan W. GILBERT, who deals with such diversified subjects as birth control, labor problems, and the "Red" menace in Hollywood.

The magazine, allegedly self-supporting, claims a circulation of

about 32,000. Funds for it are solicited all over the country and its agents allegedly use careless statements to win subscribers. One of his solicitors, for example, exploited Steele's testimony before the Dies Committee, according to the Kansas City, Missouri, Better Business Bureau Bulletin of October 26, 1942. Therein it was charged that Steele's representative, V. W. Carrington, in selling subscriptions to National Republic and other Steele literature to businessmen, falsely stated that the literature had the approval of Dr. Harold C. Hunt, superintendent of schools.

According to the BBB report, Carrington solicited funds in units of \$7.50, each unit to pay for the mailing of Steele's literature to a public school teacher in the Kansas City system. Dr. Hunt strongly denied authorizing Carrington to use his name, stating that he had granted only an interview to the solicitor. Following complaints about Carrington's methods, the Kansas City Police Department investigated. The Bureau report added:

"In a special meeting of the....welfare board, October 21, a resolution was passed commending the police department for stopping the unlicensed and unauthorized solicitation."

Robert E. Stripling, chief investigator of the Dies Committee, wired the Better Business Bureau on October 14:

"There is no connection between this committee and the National Republic of Washington, D. C. No individual or agency is authorized to solicit funds under the pretext that they are aiding the Dies Committee."

On May 5, 1943, PM reported that New York women of influence and social position were being urged to support a nation-wide campaign "to educate and inform" American teachers. One solicitor in the New York area in his enthusiasm to "reach the right people" told one prospect, a widely-known New York woman, that he "was sent by Mr. Walter Stevens of the Dies Committee". Inquiry disclosed that no person of that name was employed by the Dies Committee. It

was learned that the solicitor was working, not for the Dies Committee, but for Steele.

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National Republic Lettergram

This bi-monthly publication, usually consisting of two to four pages, undated but consecutively numbered, has an estimated circulation of about 25,000. The periodical is devoted to exposure of the theories, practices and other aspects of "subversive" movements. Subscribers to the Lettergram are also entitled to call upon the National Republic Information Bureau for special information.

The foregoing constituted the complete service offered to subscribers at the initial period of the existence of the Lettergram, which was first published in January, 1935. But during the last few years, the Lettergram has expanded its activity so that each subscriber now also receives, during the year, a series of six letters dealing with current events, pamphlets sent out at intervals, and a series of seven posters intended for use in school rooms.

A subscription to the Lettergram sells for \$7.50 a year. Business men and other citizens are asked to pay for one or more subscriptions, the publications to be sent to school teachers, ministers, public officials and others having wide contact with the public, and particularly the youth of the land. (The sales activities of the Lettergram are conducted from the New York office.) The service is offered under the theory that the distribution of the material involved will serve to combat subversive propaganda.

George A. BLASSER, manager of the National Republic Lettergram, and a frequent contributor to the National Republic magazine, was engaged during the early 1920s in stock promotions in New York City. He subsequently engaged

in the real estate business and later sold books for veteran's organizations. He has been identified with the National Republic for approximately eleven or twelve years and has been listed as an associate editor of the magazine.

A cursory examination of the topics in the Lettergram reveals a strong emphasis on "Communism" and "Socialism". However, this terminology is frequently applied to legitimately liberal organizations and individuals. For example, the Union for Democratic Action, Friends of Democracy, and similar groups are included in a list of Communist, "Red" organizations (NRL #153). On rare occasions, the bulletin denounces Nazism and Fascism.

Blasser wrote an article for the July, 1937 issue entitled "The War on Religion in the United States", with the sub-note, "In collaboration with Dan W. Gilbert."

While, as a rule, Blasser, like Steele, avoids open anti-Semitism, he occasionally indulges in revealing innuendoes. Thus, Bulletin No. 177, dealing with Sidney Hillman, contains the following passage: "Hillman owes his rise to fame and fortune to the garment workers of this country...His oratory, probably enhanced by a course in public speaking at the Rabbinical School he attended in his boyhood in Russia, influenced the strikers..." This passage is also typical of the National Republic Lettergram's anti-alien attitude. There seldom appears an issue without slurs on the "alien-born" and "Russian-born".

The Lettergram purports to condemn racial and religious hatred, and appropriately calls it a "subversive racket". However, a perusal of the NRL shows that the editors, apply this definition to organizations which were formed to combat racial and religious hatred. In this connection, NRL states; "Ostensibly in earnest support of racial and religious groups persecuted by Hitler, a swarm of professional racketeers has settled on the game of pronagan-

dizing American sympathizers to collect huge funds and manage them in setting up organizations..."

At one time about 50 percent of the New York City school teachers, as well as lesser numbers in other cities, were reported to have received copies of the Steele publications free of charge, many of them without their permission or consent.

In view of the fact that NRO makes a persistent effort over a period of years to permeate the school system, an official letter from the College of Arts and Sciences in Rio Piedras, P. R., is of particular interest. This letter, dated March 3, 1942, and written on official stationery of the Government of Puerto Rico, states in part as follows:

"Dr. Jose M. Gallardo, presidentially appointed Commissioner of Education here, has banned all National Republic propaganda from the public schools. None of their posters may be put up in the school buildings nor may any of their material be used in the classrooms. Upon becoming suspicious of the organization, Dr. Gallardo asked the Army Intelligence Service to investigate it for him. The Army's verdict was, to use their own words, 'The National Republic is a fascist organization which should not be allowed in the public schools of Puerto Rico.' Whereupon Dr. Gallardo called a meeting of all the superintendents of schools, explained to them how the National Republic had used seemingly innocent and patriotic propaganda to shield their real aim, which was to attack and discredit our ally Soviet Russia, and finally prohibited the use of their material in the schools.

"I think that the foresight of the Army Intelligence Service in this case was particularly heartening."

Among contributors to the publications have been Congressmen J. William Ditter, E. E. Cox, John E. Rankin, Carl E. Mundt, and Dr. Milo McDonald, head of the violently reactionary N.Y.C. teachers organization, the American Education Association.



Conclusion

The political philosophy of Walter Steele and his publications appears to be more and more dangerously nationalistic. Immigration is falsely described as the chief contributory factor in "subversion" here at home. Jews and liberals are regarded with a peculiar antagonism; oftentimes confused with communists. An exaggerated "foreign influence" in the Administration is harped upon; and he pleads that "America be returned to the Americans and the American way of life."

Yet in spite of this distressing philosophy, a large number of important individuals in public affairs and prominent members of both major political parties have appeared as contributors to the organization's chief publication, the National Republic magazine.

In view of the foregoing, Walter Steele, his organizations and publications are of special interest and serious concern; they can neither be ignored nor lightly dismissed. Patently, they require careful attention and consideration.

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NOTES

1. Originally the American Coalition represented about 114 patriotic organizations, ranging from genuinely respectable groups to out and out fascist fronts. (Mr. Steele, in his recent testimony, said that the Coalition has 84 member organizations.) In addition to the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, other native pro-fascist groups belonging to the Coalition are The American Indian Federation, the American Women Against Communism, the Industrial Defense Association of Boston, the Paul Reveres of Chicago, and more of the same type. "Coalition" literature has been distributed widely by men like George Deatherage and Francis Moran, Boston (Mass.) Christian Front leader. "Under Cover" states that "this literature was frequently, if not always, found in the company of outright German propaganda from World Service...as well as the propaganda efforts of the indicted seditionists, such as Edmondson, True, Pelley, Sanctuary, etc." One of the Coalition's founders was the paid Nazi propagandist in the United States, George Sylvester Viereck, who served a sentence for violation of the Foreign Propaganda Registration Act. ----- Cf., also The Facts, June, 1946, p. 20.
2. The book was written by Adolf Ehrt under the auspices of the General League of German Anti-Communist Associations, and printed by the Gebrueder Feyl in Berlin, Germany.
3. Labor spy, strike-breaker and "authority" on communism in the twenties, Jung turned anti-Semite in 1933. He helped distribute Mrs. Dilling's books.
4. See note 1. -- In addition to his position as President of the American Coalition, Mr. Trevor, who, according to Congressman Adolph J. Sabath of Illinois, "serves the cause of nazi-ism and anti-Semitism through his position as head of the American section of the so-called International Committee to Combat the World Menace of Communism, an organization which conceals behind its typical Nazi-camouflaged title its real function as a Berlin-inspired and foreign-dominated Nazi International, operating as a 'front' for Hitler's subversive machinations within the world's democracies." (Cong. Rec. -- Appendix, Feb. 17, 1939, pp. 2237-8) -- Cf., also The Facts, June, 1946, p. 20.
5. Cf. The Facts, June, 1946, p. 20.
6. Kansas Fundamentalist preacher until 1933 opposed only to Catholics. Thereafter, Winrod became anti-Semitic, especially after his visit to Germany in 1934. He has collaborated with many native pro-fascist groups and individuals. His works have been recommended by World Service, official nazi propaganda agency in Erfurt, Germany.

7. Turned Jew-baiter and pro-nazi after Hitler's rise to power. Member of the advisory board of the American Coalition. Head of the American Christian Defenders. Eastern representative of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation. "An associate of the most vicious and criminal anti-Semites in America." (CR, 2/17/39, p. 2238). Contributed frequently to the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, the official organ of the German-American Bund. Among the books and leaflets distributed by Sanctuary were "The Hidden Hand", "The Talmud Unmasked", "How Roosevelt is Following Marx", etc.
8. Cf., The Facts, July-August, 1947, p. 19.
9. Cf., The Facts, July-August, 1947, p. 19.
10. Editor of the Patriotic Research Bureau; one of the most prolific writers in the nationalist, anti-Semitic field. In her "The Red Network", Dilling maintains that everyone from the Quakers to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is a dangerous radical. She is also author of "The Octopus", one of the most viciously anti-Semitic tracts since the "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion".
11. Cf., The Facts, April, 1947, p. 12
12. The dedication begins: "Without committing them to its statements, this book is admiringly dedicated to all those sincere fighters for American liberty and Christian principles who, because of their opposition to Red propaganda and the 'new social order' of Marx and Lenin, are denounced as 'professional patriots', 'super-patriots', '100 per centers', 'patrioteers', and 'Tories' by their Red opponents. Particular mention is gratefully made of those 'patrioteers' who have aided and encouraged the author in her effort to bring to the sound but still sleeping portion of the American public the truth about the Communist-Socialist world conspiracy which, with its four horsemen, Atheism, Immorality, Class Hatred, and Pacifism-for-the-sake-of-the-Red-revolution, is boring within our churches, schools and government and is undermining America like a cancerous growth. Among these are..."
13. Violent anti-catholic and anti-Semite. Edited "Our Common Christian Cause"; prominently participated at Bund, Mobilizer and Christian Front meetings; insisted that he promoted the joint Bund--KKK meeting at Camp Nordland.
14. The editor of this newspaper was James Garner, who, until his death, was also on trial for seditious conspiracy.
15. Editor of a rabid little sheet called America in Danger!; declares that all our troubles are caused by a Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world and by organized Jewry who operate with International Finance; distributed "The Octopus" by Mrs. Dilling and raised money for her.
16. Silver Shirt leader and publisher of Liberation (now defunct). Sentenced to 15 years in prison in 1942 for sedition.

17. Formerly Commander of the Knights of the White Camellia and of the American Nationalist Confederation of St. Albans, W. Va. Deatherage's law suit against Stanley High in the Saturday Evening Post was dismissed in the Federal Court at Charleston, W. Va., on April 22, 1940. The litigation resulted from the article "Star-Spangled Fascists", by High, of May 27, 1939.
18. Publisher of the Beacon Light of Atascadero. He wrote: "Mr. Hitler is going to go places in spite of Mrs. Roosevelt and the rest of the kikes". "The Jews as a race are a race of criminals, and they have corrupted the whole of civilization". After Pearl Harbor, the second class mailing privileges were withdrawn from his magazine.
19. Congressman from Montana, described by Hudson as "aide to Gen. Van Horn Moseley". Allegedly a physician, delivered violently anti-Semitic speeches in Congress. Was bitterly opposed in 1939 by the Republican National Committee and the Montana State Republican Committee for renomination. Was favored speaker at a number of subversive meetings. Died on November 20, 1945, at the age of 69.
20. Retired U. S. Army Major General from Atlanta, Georgia; stated that "If any...refugees are to be shipped to us, it should properly be with the distinct understanding that they all be sterilized before being permitted to embark. Only in that way can we properly protect our future." Spoke before a number of obstructionist groups and was praised by World Service on May 15, 1939. Repeated his viciously anti-Jewish views before the Dies committee on June 1, 1939.
21. Milwaukee, Wisc., Bundist and nazi agent, head of midwest distribution center for pro-nazi literature. Arrested for counseling evasion of the Selective Service Act and charged with violation of Section II of the Act. Died in prison on June 20, 1942.
22. One-time holder of a Pulitzer traveling fellowship. Presently employed by the Consolidated Press Clipping Bureau in Chicago. Has done some writing for Viereck's Flanders Hall.
23. Cf., The Facts, June, 1947, p. 10.
24. Former Silver Shirter, organizer and general manager of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation in Chicago.
25. Cf., Report of National Better Business Bureau, Inc., of New York, 1943; "It was a stock corporation with an authorized capitalization of \$200,000 consisting of 1,000 shares of 6% preferred stock having a par value of \$100 and 1,000 shares of common stock of \$100 par value."
26. Idem: "Carl W. Riddick has been associated with the National Republic since its inception in 1923. He was at one time editor and publisher of a newspaper in Indiana but in 1910 moved to Montana where he engaged in wheat and cattle raising. He represented that State in the 66th and 67th Congresses."

27. Idem: "Frank P. Litschert is a native of Indiana and was associated with various newspapers in that State as an additional and feature writer. He was at one time secretary to the then Governor James P. Goodrich of Indiana. He became a writer for the National Republican in 1924 and is editor of the present magazine."
28. Wrote, under the pseudonym of "Earnest Sincere", two anti-Semitic pamphlets called "Facing the Facts", and "The Plan in Action". Under his own name, Hadley wrote another widely distributed pamphlet called "Rape of the Republic", which is a scurrilous attack on the Roosevelt Administration.
29. The Committee of Catholics for Human Rights is an outgrowth of this committee.
30. Was associated with Winrod in his Washington, D. C. publishing venture, as editor of Winrod's "Inside News from the Nation's Capitol". In June, 1943, Steele, however, stated in his publication that Gilbert was a preacher and religious writer who occasionally contributed to the NR magazine and who used its offices as a mailing address. Gilbert is author of "Hell Over Hollywood".

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter addressed  
to us by Adolph Steinberg of 370 Broadway, New York City.

Apparently, he visited in Cuba recently.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Richman

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Havana, Cuba, October 15th, 1947

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Gentlemen:

Last night, October 14th, 1947 I saw a performance of the  
DANISH GYM TEAM, at the PALACIO DE SPORT.

During the performance the band played the old German  
National Anthem, THE MARCH ON THE RHINE.

If this was ordered by the DANISH GYM TEAM, they must have  
Nazi tendencies which should not be tolerated in Cuba. If this was  
ordered by the band leader he should also be investigated as to his  
Nazi tendencies.

Such an exhibit in a Democracy is a disgrace.

The DANISH GYM TEAM is traveling through various countries  
including the United States. Their address is care of Danish Embassy,  
Washington, S. D.C.

Very truly yours,

ADOLPH STEINBERG.

after October 15th, address  
370 Broadway, New York City, 13. N.Y.

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## EPSTEIN AND GUTSTADT GET NEW POSTS

Election of Benjamin R. Epstein of New York as national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith is announced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the organization.

Mr. Epstein succeeds Richard E. Gutstadt of Chicago, who held the post for 15 years and who has been elected executive vice-chairman of the League by its National Commission to continue to serve in a consultative and advisory capacity. Mr. Gutstadt has been on a leave of absence since May because of ill health. During that period Mr. Epstein served as acting national director.

The new national director joined the ADL staff in February, 1939, to head its

New England regional office. Five years later he was appointed Eastern regional director with offices in New York, and subsequently became assistant national director.

Prior to joining the ADL, he was chief investigator for the Philadelphia Public Defender. He also served in professional capacities with the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Greater New York Fund.

Mr. Epstein is a graduate of Dickinson College, Pa., and holds an M.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He resides with his wife, the former Ethel F. Schwartz, a member of the New York bar, and their two children at 949 West End Avenue.

## 'COVENANTS' HIT BY JEWISH GROUPS IN COURT BRIEF

Judicial decision voiding restrictive covenants which discriminate against racial, religious or ethnic groups in real estate transactions are asked of the United States Supreme Court by four national Jewish organizations.

In a joint brief filed as "friends of the court," the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and the Jewish Labor Committee challenged the practice of barring members of minority groups from the sale, ownership, lease or occupancy of private property as unconstitutional. They argued it violates "public policy" as well as the "due process" clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.

### Four Cases Involved

The brief relates to four cases now pending before the Court. These cases involve efforts to enforce restrictive covenants against Negroes in Missouri, Michigan and the District of Columbia. The court is expected to hear argument on them this month.

Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Jacob Grumet, chairman of the Legal Committee of the Anti-Defamation League, filed the brief on behalf of the four agencies.

"The racial and restrictive covenant is an instrument of bigotry giving aid and comfort to racial and religious prejudice," the agencies contended. "Implicit in such a covenant is the anti-democratic and false racist doctrine that un-

## 'Released Time' Opposed In Brief Filed with U. S. Supreme Court

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, together with a number of other major Jewish agencies, has filed a brief amicus curiae with the United States Supreme Court in support of a suit brought by Vashti McCollum of Illinois to ban religious instruction in public schools.

Disavowing any sympathy with atheistic views expressed by Mrs. McCollum, the agencies, acting jointly through the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and with the Synagogue Council of America, asserted that religious education during school time and on school premises violates the consti-

tutional requirement of separation of church and state.

The brief declared that the agencies were "firmly convinced that freedom of religious worship and belief can remain inviolate only when there exists no intrusion of secular authority in religious affairs or of religious authority in secular affairs," adding:

"In Jewish history and tradition, religious instruction has always been regarded as a most sacred responsibility. The overwhelming majority of Jewish children voluntarily attend after-hour and Sunday schools conducted by the

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## Lowenstein in California

Leon Lowenstein, a member of the  
Board of Directors of the ADL Eastern  
Regional Office, and prominent civic

leader in New  
York, is visiting  
La Quinta, Cali-  
fornia. While on  
the West Coast he  
will confer with  
Milton Senn, di-  
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fice, and with community leaders of Los  
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L. Lowenstein

## COMMENT:

The House I Live In—II

by Benjamin R. Epstein

National Director

Our adventures in this space last month found us booted from our mythical home and branded (even unto the unborn generations of our family) as an "undesirable." Our imaginary neighbors, you recall, had us removed by court injunction—not because we spitefully kicked over their garbage, or neglected to meet a mortgage payment—but by innocently moving into the neighborhood we did violate a racial and religious restrictive covenant incorporated in a contractual agreement to which we were not a party.

Generally, the courts have upheld the restrictive covenant as conforming with a "public policy" which affirms the inviolability of private contracts. It is on this very basis of "public policy"—but giving it a more vital interpretation—that the Anti-Defamation League, jointly with the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans, bases its opposing arguments. The agencies have filed a brief *amicus curiae* in forthcoming litigation to be argued before the United States Supreme Court. The High Court has never before ruled directly on the legality of the racial and religious restrictive covenant; its decision, necessarily, will have a far-reaching impact on the status of minority groups in every American community.

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Historically, the restrictive covenant has been both legal and useful. With the popular acceptance of the right of private ownership there came a concomitant privilege which allows property owners to band together and, by mutual agreement, restrict their neighborhood from *uses* detrimental to the health or comfort of those residing in it. Hence, a residential area could protect itself from the intrusions of, say, a tannery, or a shooting gallery or a brothel. But this legitimate limitation has been increasingly abused by those who have applied it as a method of racial, religious or ethnic discrimination. They impose limitations not on the *use* of the property but on *whole groups of persons* who, by American tradition and consti-

tutional mandate, are guaranteed equality of right and of opportunity.

The marriage of bigotry to the private restrictive covenant was consummated following a Supreme Court ruling which voided such discrimination against racial groups through public ordinances. The Court found these racial zoning laws a violation of the 14th Amendment. Yet, if the state cannot violate the civil rights of its citizens, how can private parties do it by contract? It surely follows that the state court which enforces the restrictive covenant is, in effect, giving legal sanction to a restriction which the state itself cannot impose!

This very factor negates the argument that to void a restrictive covenant is to invade the right of private contract. You cannot make an enforceable contract to do something that is against "public policy," and it is inconceivable that segregation, discrimination and other unwholesome results of the restrictive covenant can be judicially defended as being good "public policy." You might just as well legalize a contract to commit murder.

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What about the treaty obligations of the United States? This nation was a signatory to the United Nations Charter at San Francisco, a document which pledged all nations to universal respect and observance of human rights and fundamental freedom for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. A similar pledge is incorporated in the Atlantic Charter and the Act of Chapultepec. Can the restrictive covenant which defiles this principle be given approval? Article VI of the Constitution clearly states that federal treaties are binding as the supreme law of the land.

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To the legal-minded who exhume ancient decisions laid down generations ago which uphold the validity of the restrictive covenant as being in accordance with law and "public policy," this definition of "public policy," rendered by Mr. Justice Cardozo, is pertinent:

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Three years ago, these children were learning Nazi nursery rhymes. Today in a Heidelberg youth club they are using Irving Caesar's "Sing a Song of Friendship" book with German lyrics which stress brotherhood and inter-group understanding.

Col. Harry E. McKinney, Second District constabulary director, says that recordings of the Caesar songs will be broadcast over the American network in Germany. (The songbook project was an important ADL project in 1947 for the Anti-Defamation League which placed thousands of copies in high schools throughout America.)

## 'HATE SHEETS' LINK ANTI-SEMITISM WITH ATTACKS ON CATHOLICS, SAYS FORSTER

"Hate" sheets are combining their attacks on Jews with vicious un-American propaganda aimed at the Roman Catholic Church, it is revealed by Arnold Forster, national director of the Legal and Fact-Finding Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

These findings were disclosed in the preliminary preparations of the ADL's annual Survey of Anti-Semitic Trends.

Tactics used against Jews may readily be adopted to smear any group, Mr. Forster declared, pointing out that many "lunatic fringe" publications, all of them virulently anti-Semitic, consistently attack the Catholic Church with lies similar to calumnies they employ against Jews.

### Hierarchy Accused

While some of the publications investigated by the ADL resort to subtle innuendo in spreading their divisive ideology, most of them are blatant, falsely accusing the Catholic hierarchy of plotting to seize the government of the United States, and even comparing the Church with the Communist Party, he said.

Unthinking people have been made receptive to this insidious propaganda by the widespread activities of the Ku Klux Klan and nationalist organiza-

tions like it, Mr. Forster warned, reporting that a number of discredited preachers, who attempt to gain sympathy by insisting that they are "persecuted" for their beliefs, have also helped to sow the seeds of dissension.

Meanwhile, anonymous defamatory publications are appearing in many places throughout the country. Typical of these are the crackpot broadsides issued under the pseudonym of "Ray C. Van Syne," Klanlike in their vituperative attacks on Catholics as well as Jews and other minority groups. In a petition addressed to the "Honorable Members of the United Nations Security Council, and all Member Nations," "Van Syne" insisted that the "Vatican State be dissolved as a warmongering State, and fictitious religious headquarters for the Roman Catholic Church," and charged the Vatican and "its representatives" with being the "actual cause of World War II." Another leaflet asserted that the United States is "being transformed into a Catholic Fascist Hierarchy."

### Hate Sheets 'Line'

The League cited several examples of the line taken by regularly published fringe sheets:

The publications of "The Protestant

War Veterans of the United States," edited by Edward J. Smythe, executive chairman of the group, asserted this fall that "Roman Catholic Fascism has declared war on American Protestantism," terming the Pope "one of the leading war criminals in the world" and an "arch conspirator." Smythe, despite the high-sounding title of his organization, heads a one-man crackpot movement; his importance is based on the wide distribution of his literature.

"The White Horse," a monthly published in Georgia by J. A. Dennis, headlined a lead story with:

"America Awake—the Pope Would Murder American Protestants." According to the story, "The God of this World (the devil) established the Roman Catholic Church, and he rules it now through a hand picked God—a dying god—and a lying god." In the same issue, Dennis goes so far as to claim that the Catholic Pope, Bishops and Priests teach stealing, murder and drunkenness "and allow such things and encourage them."

Later, Dennis asserted that Catholic priests "seek money and the power it gives. They make disciples for hell."

### Winrod Attacks Vatican

Another anti-Semitic sheet, "The Beacon Light Herald" of California, edited by William Kullgren, played on the ignorance of its readers by declaring that the Catholic Church and the Communist Party are "founded on the same principles, (sic) or lack of it." The ADL has also noted periodic outbursts against the Vatican and the Pope in "The Defender Magazine," which is edited by Gerald B. Winrod, notorious anti-Semite.

Guy C. Stephens, a hatemonger located in Danville, Va., declared in the September 15th issue of his publication "The Individualist" that, "Caught between the millstones of Jewish and Romanist ambitions, the plain stiff trying to make a living as a newspaper reporter is in a fix."

Stephens made this coy comment in the midst of an editorial which attacked the Irish as well as the Catholic Church.

Mr. Forster asserted that the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights indicates the extent and growth of racial and religious bigotry in this country. He pointed out that the hate sheets form only one facet of the problem that must be licked on all fronts and by all groups.



# TIN PAN ALLEY 'HITS SPOT' WITH GOODWILL JINGLES



Hy Zaret (words) and Lou Singer (music) are a song-writing duo with both feet planted squarely in Tin Pan Alley. They are versatile operators whose output runs the gamut from sweet ballad to re-bop novelty. For instance, blame them if you must, for such musical shenanigans as "One Meat Ball."

The Zaret-Singer deftness is presently directed toward a new outlet, that of the singing commercial. But instead of selling soup, soap or advice on where to keep bananas, they have applied the technique toward directing public attention to the subjects of tolerance, good neighborliness and fair play.

"Democracy can be fun," say Zaret and Singer, and to prove it they have treated such a vital sociological problem as Jim Crow in a lilting vein. Their series of one-minute jingles—"Little Songs on Big Subjects," now compiled in a published folio—was first introduced on WNEW, New York independent station, as "spot announcements." The Institute for Democratic Education, which receives support from the Anti-

Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, is distributing them to stations and networks throughout the country.

The "spots" are a continuation of the Institute's "Keep Faith With America" series originated by Ted Cott, program director of WNEW, on that station. Instead of solemn sermonizing, however, Zaret and Singer present a potent message wrapped up as a jive tune. For instance, the lyrics to their jingle on racial tolerance—"You can get good milk from a brown skinned cow; the color of the skin doesn't matter nohow"—is swingy and melodic and gets the point across with impact. Variety's radio reviewers call it "socko" entertainment.

Zaret and Singer have introduced their novelty before high school assemblies in New York and students and teachers joined in "beating out" the rhythm.

"If we are to judge the success of this technique by the reception these kids give it," say the ASCAP tunesmiths, "then jingle advertising can sell democracy just as well as it sells Pepsi-Cola."

## ADL Gets a Grant From Christian Fund

In recognition of the important role played by the Southeastern Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in promoting good human relations in the South, the office has received a grant from the Ashby Jones Memorial Fund, it was announced by Kendall Weisiger, founder and administrator of the fund.

The Fund was created by friends and admirers of the late Ashby Jones, Atlanta minister, who devoted his life to the promotion of mutual respect and understanding among men of various faiths, races and nations.

This grant, according to Alexander F. Miller, director of the Regional Office, will enable it to add to its library of "films for democracy." The service was recently created in order to meet the many demands for audio-visual educational material made upon the ADL by schools, church groups, civic groups, and forums.

## Intergroup Education Column Inaugurated

A syndicated column on intercultural education entitled, "Education for One World," was recently initiated by Dr. Leo Shapiro, Director of the Anti-Defamation League's Department of Education. The column describes good practices in intercultural and intergroup education from coast to coast.

It is running as a monthly feature and has already been accepted by the following state educational associations: Delaware School Journal, Illinois Education Journal, Maine Teacher's Digest, Massachusetts Teachers Federation, Nebraska Educational Journal, New York State Education, South Carolina Education News, and the Utah Educational Review.

In addition, a second syndicated feature has been set up by the same department for state parent-teacher publications which reach approximately 4,000,000 teachers in 48 states. The column has appeared in the Kansas Parent-Teacher (circulation about 72,000) and is scheduled to appear in other parent-teacher magazines in the near future.

# MEET THE ADL COMMISSIONERS

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. . . Max J. Schneider . . .

To get along with Max Joseph Schneider you've got to keep pace with him. Not an easy thing to do, in the considered opinion of pert and pretty Ruth Selg, his secretary for ten years.

Mr. Schneider will this month achieve three score plus one, an age when contemporaries temper their activities with periods of indolence. Mr. Schneider, however, to the consternation and awe of friends, insists on traveling express only. "How else am I going to get things done?" he demands.

For Max Schneider, "getting things done" has many facets. By vocation he is a banker, president of the National Safety Bank and Trust Company in New York; by avocation he is a frustrated pitcher for the New York Giants. A piecemeal owner of the club and a fanatic about the game, he makes a spring-time pilgrimage to the training camp where he dones spikes and sliding pads and swings a bat with his investment.

It would be amiss to categorize as a "hobby" Mr. Schneider's multitude of extra-curricular labors on behalf of his fellow men. A hobby, by popular definition, involves killing off leisure hours in enjoyable pursuits, whereas Mr. Schneider's banking and baseball are crowded into a few of his waking hours—more than two-thirds of his time being expended in a succession of civic, philanthropic and public welfare causes.

Nonetheless, like the hobbyist, Mr. Schneider finds this work pleasurable. Or, as Mrs. Selg defines it: "He has a great love for human beings and likes to express it in positive ways."

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Besides his role as vice-chairman of ADL, he is also vice-president of District Grand Lodge No. 1 and one of the hardest working Ben B'riths in the New York area. Other outlets for his unlimited energy: the Joint Distribution Committee, the United Palestine Appeal, UJA, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Grand Street Boys' Association, the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Then there is his "own little baby" which he raised from a blueprint—the Hebrew Home and Hospital for Chronic Invalids. Thirty-five years ago he, together with his brother Lou, Lazarus Joseph, present comptroller for New



York City, and a handful of other spirited citizens, founded that institution following a disturbing visit to Welfare Island where aged and infirm Jews were starving themselves because they would not eat non-kosher food. Mr. Schneider has spearheaded the Home since its beginning because he feels "there is no greater mitzvah than to take care of these people."

His capacities for voluntary community work go several leaps beyond having his name embellished on an organization's letterhead. He is an effective speaker with a compelling technique and he can frequently be found on the rostrum pleading the case for JDA.

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Born in Austria, he arrived in the states at the age of five, learned to fling curves on the sandlots, and worked as a bookkeeper in a textile refinishing plant while studying evenings at New York University. To complete the cycle, he now owns his own textile refinishing company.

He has a hearty sense of humor and contrary to the notion that bankers are, by character, flint-hearted, he is catalogued by Mrs. Selg as "a softie."

Mrs. Selg, from her vantage point as secretary, has a gimlet-eye view of her boss. She finds him pleasant to work with "but definitely a taskmaster."

"You might say," she says, "that he wants things done a half hour ago."

## ADL Action Agency, Trager Tells ACRR

Frank N. Trager, national program director of the ADL, was a participant in the recent three-day National Conference on Local Race Relations and Minority Group Problems held on the University of Chicago campus in November.

The conference, sponsored by the American Council on Race Relations, pooled ideas for applying all available resources to tension situations involving minority groups.

Mr. Trager told the representatives of local, state and national agencies:

"The ADL always has been an action agency, utilizing whatever social science research has produced in the field of inter-group relations. Empirically, the League has tried, discarded and retained various materials designed to be of better service in promoting sound human relations in a good society. That is our perennial task.

"We believe that utilization of the mass media of communication can promote a climate of opinion and can expose false stereotypes and even promote favorable ones!"

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# NCRAC Opposes 'Released Time' In Brief Filed with High Court

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local Jewish communities where they receive their religious education wholly independent of the public school system. We believe that the responsibility for religious education may not and should not be shared by the public school system. American Jewry is not prepared to concede the spiritual insolvency implicit in such a division of responsibility."

## Champaign Case Cited

In the particular program of sectarian religious education in Champaign County, Illinois, now under review, classes were held on school premises during regular school hours.

The brief maintained that the use of schools, which are paid for by taxes, for religious instruction during regular class hours is prohibited by the Constitution.

Moreover, the brief said, the program directly or indirectly prefers one religion over another, in contravention of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. Evidence presented in a lower court showed that in eight of the eleven public schools in Champaign, instruction in only one faith was given, although the special teachers were paid for by an interfaith committee. While attendance was nominally voluntary, it was alleged that school authorities kept records of attendance at the classes.

"As Americans and as spokesmen for religious bodies, lay and clerical," the brief asserted, the agencies "deem any breach in the wall separating church and state as jeopardizing the political and religious freedoms that wall was intended to protect. We believe, further, that our public school system is one of the most precious products of our American democracy. We are, therefore, impelled to voice our opposition whenever attempts are made to compromise its integrity."

## Divisive Effect Opposed

The brief also hit at the "divisiveness which inevitably results whenever sectarianism enters the public school."

"Jewish groups base their opposition to the released time program on many grounds, but no consideration bulks

larger in that opposition than the divisive effects of the program," it declared. "Thoughtful Christians are no less concerned with this harmful aspect of released time."

The particular case at issue originated in Champaign County when Mrs. McCollum, the mother of a ten-year old pupil sought to have the courts prohibit religious instruction in the public schools. She was unsuccessful in the lower court and was again turned down on appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Much unfavorable publicity has attached to the case because of Mrs. McCollum's professed atheism and the anti-religious statements she made during the trial. The brief expressed the regret of the agencies that the "appellant chose to use this case as a medium for the dissemination of her atheistic beliefs."

"The importance of the issue," however, "overrides all other considerations and compels our intercession," the brief asserted.

At the original trial, it was shown that the child was for a time the only one in his class who did not participate in religious instruction. He was at one time placed at a desk in the hall, while the other pupils remained at their regular desks, and was subjected to teasing and harrassment by passing children who assumed he was being punished. At other times he was placed in an unoccupied room with the door closed.

## Baptists File Brief

Following the filing of this brief, a committee representing four Baptist groups also filed a brief *amicus curiae* with the court in support of the suit.

The Baptist committee, set up by the Southern Baptist Convention, Northern Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, Inc., and National Baptist Convention (not incorporated), declared in its brief:

"However desirable may be the widespread teaching of religion to children, it seems too plain for argument that the public school system, with compulsory education laws, cannot be used for that purpose."

# Visits Germany

Harry C. Oppenheimer, a member of the Board of Directors of the ADL Eastern Regional Office, has gone abroad to



H. C. Oppenheimer

accept an appointment as industrial specialist and general merchandising expert for the American Military Government in Germany. Having had wide experience in the textile field, he will take over the cotton

and rayon mills in both the British and American zones. Mr. Oppenheimer is president of Sydenham Hospital in New York, which has gained wide renown as an inter-racial institution.

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desirable social traits are an attribute not of the individual but of a racial or religious group. Such covenants classify an individual not on the basis of his behavior, but on the basis of his racial origin. They would deny the free choice of a home to a Carver, Cardozo or Lin Yutang merely because of color or religion. They ascribe social objectionability to unborn generations.

## Ghetto Areas Assailed

"Slums and overcrowding are the inescapable concomitants of restrictive covenants and racial segregation. Death, disease and crime are the notorious spawn of overcrowding. Inter-group stresses and tensions which threaten our democratic state arise inevitably when racial or religious groups find themselves isolated within the community and forced to live in circumscribed segregated areas. Clearly, the growing fusion of interest of America's varied racial, religious and ethnic groups, the free interchange of varying cultural viewpoints, the development of mutual tolerance and confidence among our citizens—requisites for the strengthening and fulfillment of our democracy—are dangerously impeded by restrictive covenants."

The agencies questioned the validity of a racial restrictive covenant on the grounds that since the state itself cannot constitutionally enact laws which

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discriminate in this manner, then it is equally improper for the courts to enforce private agreements accomplishing the same purpose. Otherwise, the agencies contend, the courts are, in effect, giving to such agreements the stature of law.

### Other Groups Affected

Noting that Negroes have suffered most from the "widespread" use of restrictive covenants, the brief further stated that many other groups including Mexicans, Spanish Americans, Orientals, Armenians, Hindus, Syrians, Turks, Jews and Catholics have also been affected. It cited the case of a full-blooded American Indian ordered by a lower court to vacate his home and the recent incident in a Washington suburb in which a group of home owners petitioned the Maryland court for a decree directing a non-Jewish wife to oust her Jewish husband from their jointly owned home because of a covenant against Jews.

"The impact of the racial restrictive covenant does not end at the water's edge," the agencies said, suggesting that the prestige of American democracy suffers in foreign countries "because our practice . . . does not always square with our ideals."

"Even now, democracy is engaged in a world-wide struggle to demonstrate its supremacy over contending political ideologies. The refusal of judicial support for racial restrictive covenants will remove a powerful propaganda weapon from the hands of democracy's opponents."

### European Experience Cited

The four agencies declared they were moved to intervene in the cases because "any invasion of the democratic right of any individual or group undermines the foundation of our democratic system." They noted that Jewish experience under European despotism gave rise to ghettos and "the threat of revival of that institution—implicit in the mushroom growth in almost every major American city of racial restrictive covenants—demands intercession in these cases."

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An anti-Jewish epithet hurled at John Garfield, an army officer, almost provokes a fist fight in this scene from Darryl Zanuck's impressive screen adaptation of the Laura Z. Hobson book, GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT.

## 'Gentleman's Agreement' Makes Vivid Film on Theme of "Genteel" Bigotry

When Darryl Zanuck announced he would screen Laura Z. Hobson's best-selling novel GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT, everybody wondered if the spirit and intent of that compelling book would be preserved in the film version.

Now that the picture has had its world premiere in Chicago, the answer is that this celluloid story of "genteel" bigotry and discrimination is a faithful filming possessing integrity, understanding, and acting which is certain to merit a couple of "Oscars" when award time rolls around.

Of a different genre than CROSSFIRE, which also concerned anti-Semitism, GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT brings non-Jews face to face with their own little prejudices which bob up in the office, in hotels, resorts, restaurants and in the armed forces.

### 'Villain' Is Indifference

Unlike CROSSFIRE, the "villain" is not an easy-to-hate psychopathic lout who murders a Jew and then his own friend to cover up his earlier killing. The enemy in GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT—as in the book—is Christian indifference and unwillingness

to act in situations which tend to make second-class citizens of Americans of the Jewish faith.

Gregory Peck, as the magazine writer Phil Green who "becomes Jewish" for six weeks in order to write a series on anti-Semitism, turns in a performance which leaves nothing to be desired. And sensitive Dorothy McGuire (so good in the "Claudia" films) brilliantly handles her role of an articulate Christian girl who is troubled about prejudice but tongue-tied in encounters with anti-Semitic incidents and situations.

### 'Dave' Is Bitter

A restrained performance—all the more effective because it is quietly bitter—is given by John Garfield as Dave, the Jewish friend who "wises up" Phil Green to the handicaps he may expect in assuming Jewish identity.

Comments the CHICAGO TIMES editorially:

"A lot of people aren't going to like this movie about anti-Semitism. They aren't going to like it because it is going to make them feel squirmy inside."

"They are going to see how they themselves must sound when they make

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## 1000 COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ATTEND JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL CONFERENCE

Indicative of the nation-wide interest in the Second Annual National Conference of the Joint Defense Appeal to be held in Philadelphia on January 3, 4 and 5, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, is the news that more than 1000 community representatives, including a cross-section of ADL leadership from all parts of the country, are expected to attend, according to Bernard Nath, of Chicago, ADL National Commissioner and Conference Chairman.

Held for the purpose of mobilizing country-wide community support in the fight against anti-Semitism, the Philadelphia meeting will feature a complete review, analysis and evaluation of the expanded program for combatting anti-Jewish prejudice in the United States maintained by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee. The Joint Defense Appeal serves as the fund-raising arm of the ADL and the AJC.

A program of national and local interest is being formed for the Conference, providing a springboard for the

discussions of the community representatives, it was pointed out by D. Beryl Manischewitz, B'nai B'rith leader from Newark, who is chairman of the Program Committee that is blueprinting the agenda for the three-day meeting.

### Panel Discussions Planned

"Every project utilized in the fight against anti-Semitism will be fully explored in panel sessions. These will constitute the feature of the Philadelphia assembly," Mr. Manischewitz declared. "Fully cognizant of the interest community leaders have in the methods of combatting subversive elements in their locales, the Program Committee has arranged a number of panels where experts from both agencies will be on hand to lead discussions."

Some indication of the broad examination to be given the problem of bigotry will come in the first session on Saturday evening, January 3rd, which will be opened by Donald Oberdorfer, Chairman of the JDA National Council. Following the opening ceremonies, addresses by Justice Meier Steinbrink, ADL national chairman, Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, and other nationally prominent leaders in the fight for human rights will keynote the Conference and prepare the way for the business of the meeting.

### Waterman To Report

One of the important decisions to be reached in Philadelphia will be made by the assembly at the Conference dinner on Sunday, January 5th, following the report of Edmund Waterman, of New York, chairman of the ADL Advisory Council and National JDA Treasurer, when the 1948 budgetary needs of the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee will be presented.

The business of the three-day sessions will be concluded at the Monday morning meeting. At this time, the assembly will hear reports from the JDA Committee on National Council Organization, the Committee on Community Quotas, and the Budget and Finance Committees. The selection of National Council officers for 1948 will close the Conference.



National ADL Commissioner, Edmund Waterman, of New York (above), one of the founders of the Anti-Defamation League in New York City and chairman of the Advisory Council of the Eastern Regional Office, will make one of the feature addresses at the Second Annual National Conference of the Joint Defense Appeal to be held in Philadelphia. Mr. Waterman, who is National Treasurer of the JDA, will report on the financial aspects of the campaign.

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anti-Semitic wisecracks or express deep-down hate and prejudice. They are going to see what a cruel, un-Christian practice they have been spreading. And how anti-Semitism is so insidious that it even gets into the minds of some Jews until they are just as guilty of anti-Semitism as are some so-called Christians!"

When the film is shown in your city, get up theater parties of your Christian and Jewish friends to see it. Better yet, stimulate discussion of the film in churches, synagogues, schools, Parent-Teacher groups, and service clubs. Only by aroused social action will the message of GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT sink into millions of hearts.

## The House I Live In

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"Existing rules and principles can give us our present location, our bearings, our latitude and longitude. The inn that shelters for the night is not the journey's end. The law, like the traveler, must be ready for the morrow. It must have principle of growth."



D. Beryl Manischewitz, of Newark, one of the Jewish community leaders of New Jersey and a member of B'nai B'rith, is serving as Chairman of the Program Committee that is blueprinting the agenda for the Second Annual National Conference of the Joint Defense Appeal to be held in Philadelphia on January 3, 4 and 5, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. He is also Treasurer of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

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AT ANNUAL NATIONAL STAFF CONFERENCE

Submitting current problems in fighting anti-Semitism to a close and vigorous analysis, members of the national and regional staff of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith met in Chicago, Sept. 8-11, to chart a course for the days ahead.

Greater alertness to the anti-Semitic implications of the present-day scene and a more diversified program utilizing every media and means of education to combat bigotry was urged by more than 50 League workers, including division, departmental and regional heads.

Nine panel discussions divided among four major topics—fact-finding, com-

munity relations, programming and public relations—and a dinner meeting attended by the Chicago Executive Board of the League, highlighted the four-day conference.

## "SUBTLE" HATERS SCORED

Arnold Forster, national director of the Legal and Fact-Finding Division, noting that many had misinterpreted last year's survey on anti-Semitism, explained that the reported decline in organized hatemongering had applied only to outfits in the "lunatic fringe" class.

Coupled with the decline of these groups, he warned, was an intensification of the activities of a far more dangerous but "subtle" group of anti-Semites who concealed their activities under a cloak of respectability. These may be identified by their consistent support of the activities of well-known bigots, and their equally consistent opposition to organizations and individuals seeking better interfaith understanding and cooperation.

Mr. Forster added that forthright, carefully-planned action must be taken to meet the problem thus raised. The method would vary in each case, depending on the facts and the circumstances, he continued. At times the League would move slowly and carefully; in other cases it would open a direct and categorical attack.

Citing the case of "Parson Jack" Johnston, publisher of the Georgia Tribune, Mr. Forster reported that only after an open attack by the Anti-Defamation League did Johnston "expose himself as a blatant and vicious anti-Semite."

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Justice Meier Steinbrink

STEINBRINK SCORES "RESPECTABLE BIGOTS";  
SCANT MENACE FROM LUNATIC FRINGE

The real menace to American democracy lies not on the "lunatic fringe" but in a "respectable element of our society which deprecates and sneers at social progress," Justice Meier Steinbrink, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, declared recently.

Addressing a B'nai B'rith District Six Convention of leaders from eight states and Canada, held in Chicago, Justice Steinbrink reported that in the past few months the approach of these "respectable people," including some widely known columnists, congressmen and publications, has "become more and more vigorous."

"What they have to say is actually a smoother, more polished version of the hatemongering indulged in by the lunatic fringe," he told his audience.

Citing the tendency of a number of columnists and editorial writers to ridicule those working for better understanding, he warned that the "consistency with which this new line has been propounded leads one to suspect that it is not merely the latest fetish, but is, instead, a calculated and premeditated method—and not a subtle one at that—of undermining the efforts of those Americans who believe in the true, God-given principles of the American creed."

"Organized anti-Semitism is at a low ebb," however, "because bigotry is recognized as a vice," Justice Steinbrink said, adding:

"No public figure is willing today to have himself labeled an anti-Semite. Even the reactionary attempts to wrap himself in the cloak of tolerance. He

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## TEXAS OIL MAN SEEKS TO CREATE HATE "FOUNDATION"

The blind hatreds of a multi-millionaire Texas oil man may result in the creation of a million-dollar foundation which will spread anti-Semitic and anti-Negro poison.

The Texan is 81-year-old George W. Armstrong, inveterate anti-Semitic pamphleteer, who in 1941 wrote a vicious book, *The Rothschild Money Trust*, under the pen name of "Andrew Fabius." In Chicago, the notorious Elizabeth Dilling has been an energetic distributor of his screeds against Jews.

Among professional anti-Semites associated with Armstrong is Gerald L. K. Smith who, with his wife and secretary, have been house guests at Armstrong's

## INTERCULTURAL PROGRAM FOR CHICAGO; SCHOOL HEAD WELCOMES ADL COOPERATION

Promise of a program of intercultural relations in the Chicago public school system, which has tens of thousands of pupils of every national origin and racial background, was projected recently by Herold Hunt, new superintendent of schools in the nation's second largest city.



H. C. Hunt

Superintendent Hunt, in an interview with a delegation of ADL staff members headed by Ben J. Goldman, director of the Chicago League office, commended the ADL for its efforts to bring about intergroup and interreligious understanding among boys and girls.

The new school head, who came to Chicago from his superintendent's post in Kansas City, Mo., added:

"The cooperation of the Anti-Defamation League will be very welcome when we institute a program of intercultural understanding in the Chicago schools. More work of this type is necessary and we will call upon agencies such as your own in developing program material for students."

Among the projects under consideration is a "Democracy in art" contest for high school students sponsored by the ADL and the Chicago B'nai B'rith

Council. The winner would receive a one-year scholarship to the Chicago Art Institute.

## JEWISH HOLIDAYS DESCRIBED IN BOOKLET

A Methodist boy in Ohio knows the meaning of Yom Kippur to his Jewish friends. In Texas, a Baptist Sunday School boy has discovered why the shofar is blown on Rosh Hashanah. And Hanukkah—the Feast of Lights—will be studied in several hundred churches this year, thanks to efforts of the ADL's Department of Interreligious Cooperation.

This interest in the Jewish holidays has been kindled by distribution of 30,000 booklets to approximately 500



"Tonight We Eat Matzo"

clergymen, who use them in Sunday school classes to foster a better understanding of Jewish neighbors.

"The booklet has been prepared at the request of Christian educators who have expressed their need for a concise explanation of our holidays written especially for children," declares Rabbi Irving Rosenbaum, director of the department.

"The student's understanding of the holidays will be enhanced by a field trip to a synagogue or temple. Such trips are always welcomed and can usually be arranged through the local rabbi. Where it is impracticable to make an actual field trip, the ADL will supply sound film-strip material on the holidays."

Woodstock Plantation 15 miles from Natchez, Miss. Armstrong is reputed to be the financial "angel" behind Smith's publication, *THE CROSS AND THE FLAG*, now printed in Fort Worth, Texas, by the Babcock Publishing Co.

The aged millionaire's wrath also is directed against Zionists and Zionism, which he describes as "an international militant communist organization" dedicated to the establishment of a "Jewish empire."

It was at the instance of Zionists and Communists that President Truman "appointed as chief of staff the incompetent and self-glorifying Jewish Ike Eisenhower over the able and modest Gentile General MacArthur..." according to this oracle.



## EDUCATORS CALLED TO CONFERENCE ON DISCRIMINATION

To devise techniques of opposing the rising tide of discrimination in colleges and universities, fifty of the nation's top-flight educators will meet in Chicago early in 1948 for a "Conference on Equality of Opportunity in Higher Education"

The conference, conceived by the Civic Service Department of the ADL, will be sponsored by outstanding opponents of discrimination, headed by Dr. A. C. Ivy, vice-president of the University of Illinois, and Dr. Anton J. Carlson, world-famed physiologist of the University of Chicago.

Other sponsors are Drs. Robert Redfield and Louis Wirth, social science department, University of Chicago; Dr. E. B. Fred, president of the University of Wisconsin; Dr. E. T. McSwain, department of education, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Fred H. Tur-



Dr. A. C. Ivy

ner, dean of students, University of Illinois; Dr. Theodore A. Mogilnitsky, Loyola University; Dr. Floyd Reeves, department of education, University of Chicago, and others.

Dr. Ivy, who headed the American medical experts' committee which appraised and condemned Nazi wartime medical experiments, says the conference will concern discrimination at all levels of college life.



Dr. Carlson

Admissions, housing, faculty employment, student job placement and the awarding of scholarships and fellowships will be analyzed in the light of discriminatory practices noted in these fields at many schools.

Two important surveys on college discrimination now being made by the American Council of Education and a New York state commission will provide background material and documentation of discrimination to be discussed at the sessions.

"This will be the first time that a representative body of top-level school administrators will have documented material to discuss in the field of religious and racial discrimination," says Mrs. A. B. Counselbaum of the ADL, who, together with Miss Merriem Luck, is in charge of arrangements for the conference.

## "AMERICAN DREAM" PROMOTED IN FOREIGN TONGUES

The "American Dream" radio transcription series of the Institute for Democratic Education—featuring stars of radio, stage and screen—soon will be publicized in many foreign languages.

This announcement by Joseph L. Lichten, Director of the ADL's foreign language department, highlights current promotional efforts on behalf of the phenomenally successful radio show.

A feature article on the program will be distributed in sixteen languages, and individual articles in Spanish, Italian and Polish will publicize recordings which are concerned with discrimination.

It is urged that panel discussion meetings be held to discuss the democratic problems inherent in the LEST WE FORGET series of dramatic playlets. Wherever possible, leading representatives of the foreign-language groups in large cities should be invited to participate, according to Dr. Lichten.

## FELLOWSHIP WINNERS TO PROBE PREJUDICE IN HARVARD STUDIES

Prejudice—its cause and possible cures—will be the subject of intensive scientific research by two graduate students at Harvard University's department of social relations.

The students, holders of the Sigmund Livingston fellowships granted by the Anti-Defamation League, are Gardner E. Lindzey of Cleveland and Ozzie G. Simmons of Chicago.

Mr. Lindzey's research will concern the psychological mechanisms which produce prejudice. In the Harvard psychological laboratory, individuals will be subjected to various strains and frustrations while investigators note their reactions and rationalizations.

This project will be under the direction of Dr. Gordon Allport, prominent social scientist.

The other Livingston fellow, Mr. Simmons, will study the social conditions which produce discriminatory practices against racial and religious minorities. He will make a detailed study of the relations between Mexican newcomers and native Americans in the southwestern states. Professors Clyde Kluckhohn and Talcott Parsons of Harvard's department of social relations will supervise this project.

Other holders of Livingston fellowships and their fields of research will be announced shortly by the ADL, according to Frank N. Trager, national program director.

## J. D. A. SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA JAN. 3-5

The Joint Defense Appeal will hold its Second National Conference in Philadelphia beginning Saturday evening, January 3, and continuing through January 5, it was decided at the JDA National Executive Committee meeting held recently in Chicago. Donald Oberdorfer, of Atlanta, JDA National Chairman, presided at the plenary sessions attended by fifty committeemen.

The meeting was featured by the addresses of Benjamin R. Epstein, Acting National Director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Dr. John Slawson, Executive Vice-President

of the American Jewish Committee, in which they revealed current anti-Semitic manifestations, here and abroad. Their talks also gave an account of the expanded program maintained by the ADL and the AJC in fighting the evil of bigotry. The Joint Defense Appeal is currently conducting a national campaign for \$6,000,000 to finance their coordinated program.

The Second National Conference will be called by the JDA National Council, an organization of 650 communal leaders representing every state in the union,

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Among the ADL leaders who attended the recent meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Joint Defense Appeal were Donald Oberdorfer (center) of Atlanta, JDA National Chairman; Benjamin R. Epstein, (seated, left) Acting National Director of the Anti-Defamation League; and Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink, (standing, right) ADL National Chairman. Others in the photograph are Dr. John Slawson, (seated, right) AJC Executive Vice-President; and Albert H. Lieberman, (standing, left) JDA National Vice-Chairman.

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according to Bernard Nath, of Chicago, chairman of the Conference Committee and member of the ADL National Commission.

In a report outlining the development of the National Council, Charles W. Morris, of Louisville, chairman of the National Council Committee and a member of the ADL National Commission, disclosed that the Council was created to make the Jewish communities from coast to coast partners in the fight against anti-Semitism. Its large membership, recruited during the last four

months, has considerably strengthened the work of the Joint Defense Appeal and has set up machinery permitting the participation of Jews everywhere in the effort to eradicate anti-Semitism from the American scene.

In his remarks to the assembly, Mr. Epstein warned that anti-Jewish prejudice has won a following among "respectable" sections of the community which previously were relatively free of bias, and stressed the many hidden forms of prejudice, which currently find expression in job bias, educational quotas and housing restrictions.

#### ADL-B'NAI B'RITH PROJECTS MAPPED

Closer cooperation between the entire B'nai B'rith organization and the Anti-Defamation League was strongly urged at the ADL staff conference in Chicago.

A resolution adopted unanimously by the staff called for the "fullest integration of all departments of the Order." J. Harold Saks, Community Service Director, asserted that the vast structure of B'nai B'rith must be used to the fullest advantage in spreading the message of the League. Pointing out that the ADL is the only organization in the civic

defense field that has an extensive regional setup, "through which we develop programs for the entire country," Mr. Saks said that the League's relationship with B'nai B'rith enables it to reach directly a representative cross section of the Jewish community.

He suggested cooperation between the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the Order's Vocational Service, Hillel Foundation and the ADL in establishing community relations projects on university and college campuses. A closer tie with the B'nai B'rith women's groups is already under way.

The resolution said:

#### MEET "GRANDPA"— FOE OF BIGOTS

He was a Civil War vet basking in the memories of Gettysburg and Mr. Lincoln—until his grandson in 1947 joined a fake veterans' organization which specialized in hatemongering.

Then Grandpa Potter, in his old field uniform, went into action against the un-American forces peddling bigotry to veterans of World War II!

How the old warrior brings his grandson to his senses and deflates the pretenses of the little Hitlers who are running the hate-spouting vets' outfit, is the plot of "Grandpa Potter's Last Fight", a monodrama by the distinguished actor, Mr. Louis Lytton.

Mr. Lytton, booked exclusively by the Anti-Defamation League Speakers Bureau, is now available for veterans' posts, churches, schools and colleges.



Louis Lytton

Last year, Mr. Lytton reached 1,000,000 young people with his previous sketches, "Jim Page, American," and "I Am an American," the story of a Czech immigrant.

A seasoned trouper, he has toured with the celebrated Julia Marlowe, Maurice Barrymore, Viola Allen, Ethel Barrymore, Paul Robeson, Clark Gable and Melvyn Douglas.

For open dates, write or wire Julius M. Kahn, Anti-Defamation League, 100 N. La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill.

"Resolved, that the objectives of B'nai B'rith can be achieved more surely by the fullest integration of all departments of the Order, and, therefore, the ADL tenders and invites from the other departments of B'nai B'rith closer cooperation in our activities."



## SEEK TO EVICT JEWISH HUSBAND; SUIT DROPPED

Bannockburn Heights, Maryland, is a pleasant Washington, D. C., suburb similar to a dozen others ringing the nation's capital.

But the 52-house development received unwanted national notoriety when nine residents brought suit to evict Aaron Tushin, a patent attorney for the Department of Commerce, who with his Christian wife and three children had moved into the neighborhood one year ago.

The suit, which charged breach of a restrictive covenant that the "property shall never be occupied by Negroes, Jews, Persians and Syrians," was a stunner which brought most of Bannockburn Heights rallying to Tushin's defense.

### "IRREPARABLE DAMAGE"

Ironically, since Mrs. Tushin, a part owner, was Christian, the plaintiffs asked the court to compel her to evict her Jewish husband.

When the Tushins asked ADL aid in fighting the eviction suit, League cooperation resulted in focusing national attention on the bigoted few who pushed their suit against the Jewish home owner.

In a statement issued through the ADL, Alfred Noyes, Tushin's counsel, said he had been unable to find a recorded case in the history of American litigation where a court has been asked for an order decreeing that a wife dispossess a husband because of his religion.

"I suggest that the plaintiffs have borrowed a page from the Nazi Nuernberg laws. But even the plaintiffs did not have the temerity to ask the court to dispossess the three children of the marriage."

One of the plaintiffs who claimed they suffered "irreparable damage" because of the presence of a Jew in their neighborhood was J. Otis Garber, \$10,000-a-year chief of the Budget Bureau's field service. Garber was censured by his boss, Budget Director James E. Webb, but explained lamely:

"I have friends of many races and nationalities. It's just a question of principle!"

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Interested Christian boys and girls listen as Rabbi Murray Rothman tells about Judaism at Methodist Youth Camp in Laurel Park, Mass.

## LEAGUE SENDS RABBIS TO FORTY-FIVE CHRISTIAN YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Reaching Christian youth leaders at the daily living level . . . working, playing, praying and counseling with them at their summer camps for a week at a time . . . changing attitudes toward minorities by a frank give-and-take of comment and self-analysis . . .

That is the picture of the ADL-NCCJ summer camp project for 1947, in which the League sent 28 rabbis to 45 denominational camps with 5,192 young men and women of many Christian denominations.

"We feel that attitudes can be modified by rabbis who are able to enter into the spirit of camping," says Julius M. Kahn of Chicago, associate director of the ADL Speakers Bureau.

"Our reports from rabbis and camp directors indicate that hundreds of youthful campers thus were able to know a Jew for the first time in their lives—and to question him about his religion, his history, and special problems."

### PRAY FOR GOODWILL

Commented Rabbi Joseph Wiesen-berg of the Chicago ADL staff, guest counselor at the Epworth Springs Camp in Lewistown, Ill.:

"Who can imagine my gratification when I heard the following prayer before 'Lights Out':

"Our Heavenly Father, Lord of the World, grant us that we be rid of the

last grains of prejudice. Grant us that we may judge our fellow men by their merits and not by their race, color or creed.'"

In Battle Ground, Indiana, site of a Methodist camp, Rabbi Norbert Rosenthal of Chicago taught his Christian campers several Palestinian songs. "Thereafter, at any time during the day, I could hear groups of Methodist boys and girls serenading me with a few bars from 'Zum Gali Gali'!"

### NO CONTACT WITH JEWS

Said Rabbi Joseph Utschen of Topeka, Kan., describing his reaction to the Brethren Camp in Plattsburg, Mo.

"Here was a group, most of whom had had no contact with Jews and thus had formed no prejudices. They can, if properly informed, become a bulwark of strength to the cause of interfaith relations. Certainly, they may become immunized to anti-Semitic propaganda."

Much of the value of the summer camp project lies in the follow-up educational techniques of the ADL which are developed through personal contacts with clergymen and camp leaders. Speakers, posters, pamphlets, books and motion pictures are provided by the League for campers who desire to institute interfaith relations work in their own home towns and churches.





This float, based on an Institute For American Democracy theme, made spectators cheer at a recent American Legion, Department of Illinois, convention parade in Chicago. Children of various races and religions ride the float, carrying out the theme of the I.A.D. poster.

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He pointed out that many newspaper editors are giving publicity to anti-Semitic demagogues who issue statements in line with their current editorial policy. It was observed that this willingness of publishers to find allies for their editorial crusades even among disreputable elements must be viewed in the light of the over-all turbulent political scene. ADL officials agreed that this development will have to be watched carefully.

In a discussion of the legal work carried on by the ADL, the conference voted to recommend filing briefs in two cases now before the Supreme Court involving restrictive covenants against Negroes. Herman Edelsberg of Washington pointed out that the basis of this recommendation was that while the cases concerned only Negroes, restrictive covenants affected Jews, Negroes and almost every racial and religious group.

Sol Rabkin of the Legal and Fact-Finding Division summarized the ADL's five-point legislative program and reported that in formulating its stand the League was faced with a number of questions. It had to decide, he said, where

to draw the line between freedom of speech and banning the defamation of Jews; between fighting discrimination and infringing on freedom of contract; between freedom of enterprise and denying to an employer the right to bar a job applicant arbitrarily because of racial origin or religious affiliation.

### LEGAL PROGRESS OUTLINED

Later, Mr. Forster outlined the manner in which the program should be followed up in practice:

1. Regional directors must analyze existing statutes in their states, referring to model laws drawn up by the Legal Division.
2. Local leadership should endeavor to get FEPC laws enacted where they do not now exist.
3. The ADL will supply legal aid in efforts to draw up bills against restrictive covenants.
4. Because many laws lack teeth, all proposed statutes in the field of civic defense should be sent to the legal division for scrutiny.

"We think you can create a climate of opinion for such legislation," Mr. Forster commented. "You should take these problems and dramatize them. You should make your entire community aware of the need for these laws."

During the sessions on Program, Frank Trager, director of the Division, forecast that "eventually the work of combating anti-Semitism will be tied up with the work of supporting and expanding a democratic, liberal view." He reviewed the major accomplishments of the year, emphasizing the creation of an inter-cultural program to serve the Christian Youth Movement, the eminence gained by the Institute for Democratic Education, and the forward stride taken with the Advertising Council.

### TEACHING METHODS CHANGED

In cooperation with other agencies, the ADL has contributed to a historic change in American teaching methods, Mr. Trager said, reporting that during the past year 26 school systems started to revise their courses along intercultural lines.

Dr. Leo Shapiro, director of the education department, noted that his office reached national and state teacher organizations and their publications. He reported that at present he spends several days each month working directly with the officers of the National Education Association, planning intercultural projects. The NEA covers 900,000 of the 1,000,000 public school teachers in the United States.

Outlining the goals of the other special interest groups, Mr. Trager declared that each of them was developing its own natural approach. Through the Foreign Language Department, directed by Dr. Joseph Lichten, ADL leaders in many cities have been placed in close contact with foreign language leaders. Together with the Common Council for American Unity, ADL has serviced about 800 journals printed in various languages.

The ADL, Mr. Trager said, has been asked to supply material for U. S. troops abroad. In the labor field, the Jewish Labor Committee will spread the League's projects within the trade union movement. In the field of women's activities, a manual has been prepared for B'nai B'rith chapters which want to use intergroup and intercultural techniques in their community programs.

### DISCRIMINATION HIT

On the question of social discrimination, Abel Berland, head of the civic service department, declared that the ADL is shifting its emphasis from handling cases on an individual basis to

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## SENN TO HEAD LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Milton A. Senn has been named director of the Southern California Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Mr. Senn was formerly director of the ADL metropolitan Chicago office.



His new headquarters will be located at the regional office, 415 Roosevelt Building, Los Angeles. The territory includes Southern California, Southern Nevada and the entire state of Arizona. He will seek the cooperation of community groups in promoting better understanding among all Americans.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Senn received his LL.B. at the Chicago Kent College of Law in 1936.

Having joined ADL's legal research department in March, 1939, Mr. Senn served in the armed forces from Nov., 1941, to May, 1946. He was appointed to his Chicago post in June of that year.

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Associated with Garber and his wife in their un-American effort to oust Tushin were a prominent Washington dentist, Dr. Charles G. Shoemaker, Jr., and his wife; William H. Webb, attorney, and his wife; Paul B. Kern, lumber dealer, and wife, and John W. Senour, business machine dealer, and wife.

When community sentiment crystallized behind the Tushins and against the nine diehards, the anti-Semitic plaintiffs dropped their suit "until such time as it can be brought up as a purely legal issue."

As NEWSWEEK said: "Though glad of the outcome, the Anti-Defamation League officials were sorry to have lost a 'perfect case' for a Supreme Court test of the validity of anti-Semitic restrictive covenants."

But the matter is not yet ended. Acting in concert with the ADL, the Tushins may press for a declaratory judgment condemning the covenant as void.

The ad below was so striking and forthright that the ADL BULLETIN is glad to reprint it—not as an ad but as a guidepost to other resorts and hotels which perpetuate prejudice by discriminatory policies.

TO: THE RESORT AD READING PUBLIC  
FROM: JACK M. DAVIS OF THE HOTEL MARCY

We've changed our signature cut and I want to tell you why.

During the War, The Marcy was chosen by the Army as a rest and relaxation center for battle weary G. I.'s. We were proud host to thousands of men representing all races, colors and creeds.

Last week, we had a visit from one of the Chaplains who was here then. We were discussing the changes that civilian occupancy had brought to the hotel and he commented favorably on the fact that our guests were representative of all faiths.

We told him that we had always opposed discrimination at resort hotels and particularly resented the manner in which these hotels advertised to the general public. Such phrases as "Convenient to Churches", "Gentile Library" etc., I contended, had long been offensive to the resort ad reading public. My Chaplain friend said, "Why don't you fellows who think the right way retaliate by advertising 'Operated The American Way—No Discrimination!'"

The suggestion hit us right—and we're using it. Will other like thinking resort hotels please copy!

*Jack M. Davis*  
of the Hotel Marcy.

vacation in  
world-famous

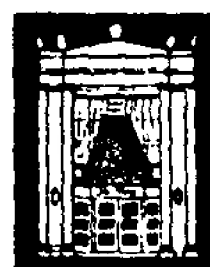
*Lake Placid*

... and live luxuriously at Lake Placid's largest, newest and only fireproof hotel. On the lake, private beach, all sports activities. Dancing and entertainment nightly. De luxe outside room, three superb meals and complete service from \$12 daily per person.

Write for souvenir booklet PM8—"The Lake Placid Story."



OPERATED THE  
AMERICAN WAY—  
NO DISCRIMINATION!



*Hotel Marcy*  
lake placid, n. y.

THE YEAR 'ROUND WONDERLAND

From the Newspaper P M

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solving problems on a broader basis. The League also emphasizes work with trade associations.

Mr. Trager stressed several themes, which, he asserted, should be used as guides in getting the ADL's message across to the American people. He maintained that the public must be impressed with the fact that hatred and prejudice are the products of diseased brains, and are irretrievably bound up with social disaster and economic failure. It is important, the conference felt, to expose bigotry as contrary to every basic democratic ideal and institution.

In carrying out this program, Mr. Trager continued, the entire field of intergroup and intercultural education in both the school and the community ought to be stressed. He also pointed out the necessity of maintaining and developing strong interreligious cooperation. Another effective approach was said to be the recognition that discrimination is bad for business and for individuals as well.

### ADL GAINS PRESTIGE

In opening the conference Benjamin R. Epstein, acting national director, pointed out that the stature of the ADL in the eyes of both the Jewish community and the general public has increased greatly during the past year. He attributed this to clear and definite statements of its policy on major issues, wider dissemination of information about the organization's activities, and improvement of its publications.

At a panel discussion on institutional public relations, Nathan C. Belth, who heads this department of the ADL, and Mr. Epstein emphasized the importance of developing an understanding of the League's work in order to create better acceptance of its program. This is being accomplished, Mr. Epstein said, by use of both the written and the spoken word. Periodic news releases to the Anglo-Jewish press has meant greater support for the ADL from these publications, he added, reviewing the methods now used of reaching the general press and the public at large.

Mr. Epstein reported that the campaign of the Joint Defense Appeal to raise \$6,000,000 was running below expectations, and indicated that the budget originally planned for 1947 will prob-

ably have to be curtailed before the end of the year.

### NEW COORDINATING BODY

He also announced the organization of a Coordinating Committee of the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee, consisting of three men from each agency, the presidents of B'nai B'rith and the AJC, the national chairman of the ADL, and the chairman of the executive committee of the AJC. Abram Becker has been appointed secretary.

At the same time he reported on a meeting held in Washington between leaders of B'nai B'rith and the ADL to establish a joint program in special areas. He noted that the ADL will participate in the B'nai B'rith Foreign Office soon to be opened in Europe.

### STEINBRINK SCORES BIGOTS

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knows that to do otherwise would be to brand himself un-American. Even the bigot denies that he is a bigot.

"The Gerald Smiths and the Homer Loomises, the Ku Klux Klan and the Columbians, publications like 'The Broom' and 'The Cross and the Flag' continue to operate and to spew forth their venom. Yet, I submit that these men and organs do not represent the real menace to democracy. Despite their occasional projection into the limelight, they are rejected by the vast majority of Americans. They are recognized for what they are . . .

"The real and important opposition to the growth of democracy in America, to the development of better human relations, to the elimination of hate as a force in our community, lies not on the lunatic fringe, but in a very respectable section of our national life."

### MENTAL PATTERN OUTLINED

The Justice outlined the pattern of thought followed by the type of men he was referring to, noting that:

1) They are consistently unfriendly towards groups attempting to combat bigotry and promote tolerance and understanding.

2) They give sympathetic support to known anti-Semites, and take the same attitude on specific issues as that assumed by individuals and groups which are openly anti-Semitic.

3) They provide opportunities for

harmongers to advocate and spread their views.

"I wonder," Justice Steinbrink said, "how long these very respectable men can retain their public acceptance in view of the company they keep; how long they can lend their support to the slanders and the hates spewed up by a lunatic fringe without being found out."

Pointing out that the ADL has occasionally been attacked by this "segment of pseudo-respectability," he commented:

"Perhaps we ought to accept such notice as an expression of tribute to our Americanism."

### LIVINGSTON LAUDED

Reiterating the ADL's policy of opposition to Communism, he declared that these men, at a loss for specific information to use in their attacks, frequently resort to the tactic of identifying Jews with communists.

"I submit," he continued, "that many citizens, whose views and opinions carry public weight, are raising the spectre of hated communism to shield their own narrowness and to cover up their own backward flights from human progress."

Justice Steinbrink opened his address with a tribute to the late Sigmund Livingston, founder and first national chairman of the ADL. "I stand humbly in the place occupied so long by the late Sigmund Livingston and say with a sense of dedication that it is our duty to ourselves and to our children to carry on the work he so long and so ably led."

## New Radio Spots

Prominent artists of the Polish stage and radio are featured in a new series of radio spot programs in the Polish language, prepared by the Institute for Democratic Education in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League.

This series, "United We Stand," consists of six dramatic presentations from 2 to 8 minutes long. With an impressive musical background, each sketch stresses the values of the American way which have resulted in the intermingling of diverse cultures.

The program is offered without charge as a public service to Polish radio broadcasters.



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### INTRODUCTION

In April, 1947, the ADL released a survey of anti-Semitism in the United States. One of the stated conclusions was that organized anti-Semitism was declining. This resulted in numerous inquiries regarding the actual status of several questionable organizations about which there had been previous publicity. This issue summarizes the history and activities of five of these groups.

None of the organizations hereinafter examined, appears to be of considerable size or influence. Individually, each is unimportant today. Together, and in view of the co-existence of many similar organizations, they may be a substantial public nuisance in the future.

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THE JUDGE ~~ARMSTRONG~~ FOUNDATION

Fort Worth, Texas

While the charter of this wealthy foundation enunciates a set of generally laudable intentions and principles, its confessed purpose is to release a stream of extremely venomous hate literature directed against Jews and Negroes. The purpose of the foundation, as stated in the charter approved by the Texas Secretary of State on November 10, 1945, reads as follows:

"...the support of charitable, religious, and educational undertakings as authorized by subdivision 2 of Article 1302 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, including but not limited to the rendering of financial assistance to indigent residents of Texas, including former employees of companies in which Judge George W. Armstrong has been a stockholder, to Alcoholics Anonymous, an organization dedicated to the rehabilitation of alcoholic addicts, to wayward children, to colleges and universities, and to students thereof through gifts, loans, the creation of scholarships, etc., to other institutions and organizations devoted to the cause of furthering education, and to churches of Protestant faith."

This alms-giving and kind-heartedness, however, finds its direct antithesis in the "Preface" to the foundation's most recent anti-Semitic publication, "World Empire" -- discussed in detail later in this survey -- where the author, George W. Armstrong, bluntly declares:

"I have incorporated 'The Judge Armstrong Foundation' for its publication and distribution and have provided by will that the greater part of my estate, which promises to be considerable, shall go to this Foundation."



The incorporation papers list as the foundation's trustees George W. Armstrong, Jr., A. J. Armstrong and Y. Q. McCammon, all of Fort Worth, Texas. The moving spirit is the 81-year-old multi-millionaire George W. Armstrong, who, in addition to his oil and real estate interests, owns several plantations and a steel mill.

According to his own description, Armstrong, a native Texan, has "been engaged in many lines of business":

"At the age of 20, upon graduation from the law school of the University of Texas, I opened a law office in Ennis, Texas. Shortly thereafter I moved to Fort Worth where I practiced law for several years as senior member of the firm of Armstrong and Flournoy, and then of Armstrong and Hanger; and was County Judge for four years. I then retired from the practice at the age of about 34 and organized the banks of Geo. W. Armstrong and Co. at Sour Lake, Saratoga, and Batson, Texas. I was later President of the Stockyards National Bank of Fort Worth; of the Fort Worth Gas Company; Hubbell-Slack and Company, cotton exporters; Steger Milling Company, flour mills; Ada Belle Oil Company, oil producer; Horseshoe Ranch Company, cattle raiser; and Texas Steel Company, steel manufacturer. When I was about 50 years of age I had accumulated more than one million dollars and decided to retire and bought for the purpose about 38 plantations in Mississippi comprising about 40,000 acres of land. I shipped to Mississippi from my ranch in Oklahoma 5200 head of high bred cattle and 800 horses and mules, and lost most of them from tick fever."

Notwithstanding his boast that he was "reasonably successful" in most of his enterprises, Armstrong admits that "Everything I touched went wrong. I was heavily in debt when the Federal Reserve Board on May 26, 1920, prohibited the banks from extending credit, with the result that I was compelled to take bankruptcy."

The foregoing biographical material is to be found in Armstrong's "Petition to the Members of the Congress of the United States" of May 1, 1947, which calls attention to the accompanying 127-page booklet "World Empire" by

Armstrong. This slick and expensively printed pamphlet is dedicated

"...without permission, to Honorable John E. Rankin of Mississippi, a worthy descendant of David Crockett, who bravely stands with drawn sword to protect our shores against foreign immigration and our government against communism."

It is a compilation of anti-Semitic libels pilfered from the fabricated Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion with a few additions from The Stuermer, the obscene sheet of Julius Streicher. Every page of his 26 chapters is filled with fantastic distortion. Typical:

"[The Talmud] tells the Jews not to eat with the idolators [meaning Christians], make no covenant with them, and show them no mercy, and turn them away from their idols or kill them." (Emphasis his.)

As authority for this statement, Armstrong quotes Col. E. N. Sanctuary, whom he describes as a "learned American biblical scholar and veteran of World War I".

While the Talmud, according to Armstrong, expresses "Jewry's limitless ambition, burning greediness, merciless vengeance, hatreds and malice," the "Protocols" provide the methods for the realization of these "hopes and purposes." Court rulings and authentic statements as to the spurious character of the "Protocols" are brushed aside with:

"We must accept the protocols as being authentic and as being the program of international Jewry because they are consistent with the teachings of the Talmud, the authenticity of which is not denied; the protocols are indeed a complement to the Talmud." (Page 19)

To Armstrong, the "Protocols" explain our two world wars, the League of Nations, Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Oaks, the San Francisco conferences, and many other important events such as the establishment of our Federal Reserve banking system, the New Deal, and the persecution of the thirty alleged seditionists."

Armstrong's wrath is directed also against Zionists and Zionism, which he describes as "an international militant communist organization" dedicated to the establishment of a "Jewish empire." Armstrong predicts that "Eventually the site of Jewish government will be moved from Moscow to Jerusalem." It was, claims Armstrong, at the instance of the "Zionists and Communists" that President Truman "appointed as Chief of Staff the incompetent and self-glorifying Jewish Ike Eisenhower over the able and modest Gentile General, MacArthur...and for the promotion of the still more incompetent Jewish Mark Clark..." In this connection, Armstrong declares that: "The strongest bulwark against the March of Bolshevism in Europe is a weakened and despairing Germany; and in Asia, Japan. Morgenthau and Eisenhower sought to destroy Germany but MacArthur has endeavored to resurrect Japan." As to America's future foreign policy, Armstrong suggests that

"We can re-arm Germany and Japan and Italy and Poland and Finland and other countries so that they can defend themselves against the aggressions of the communists. We can arm the Arabs so that they can protect their country from communist invasion." (Page 124)

In his essay, Armstrong castigates a number of others:

"Henry Morgenthau, Felix Frankfurter and Bernard Baruch... President Roosevelt's cronies and advisers...staffed his bureaus with Jewish communists"; Roosevelt and Churchill are "hybrid Jews" and "ambitious war-makers"; the German Chancellor Bethmann-Holweg "was a direct descendant of Amschel Rothschild, and all of the other principal members of the Kaiser's cabinet were Jews."

These attacks are in sharp contrast to Armstrong's long and warm defense of Hitler, Goering and their cohorts:

"Hitler did not seek war; he sought the return of the pre-war possessions of Germany by agreement"; Goering and his co-defendants at the Nuremberg trial "were tried because they were anti-Semitic and not because of anything they did to bring about the war."

In the final pages of his pamphlet, Armstrong urges the repeal of sections of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution "thereby limiting the franchise to the nation's white Americans."

In support of his arguments, Armstrong quotes extensively from "The Jews" by the notorious British anti-Semite Hilaire Belloc, from Coughlin's Social Justice, from Martin Luther's "Jewry and Usury," from the columns of John O'Donnell and others.

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Armstrong has long been known as a peddler of hate. In the early spring of 1941, he published "The Rothschild Money Trust" under the nom de plume "Andrew Fabius"; he wrote "The Crime of '20" under an assumed name "to escape reprisal." Another of his books, "The Corruption of America" was barred from the mails, according to Armstrong.

Other pamphlets from the pen of Armstrong include "The Reign of the Elders," "Calamity of '30," "Truth," "State Currency System - to hell with Wall Street," "The Iniquitous Dawes Scheme" and "The March of Bolshevism." Toward the end of 1946, the last named booklet was shipped in large quantities to ELIZABETH DILLING and W. R. LYMAN, JR., for sale and distribution.

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Among the professional anti-Semites associated with Armstrong is Gerald L. K. Smith, who, together with wife and his secretary, RENATA LEGANT, were recent house guests of Armstrong at his Woodstock Plantation, about 15 miles from Natchez, Miss. (Armstrong moved about thirty years ago from Fort Worth, Texas, to Natchez, where he now owns the Magnolia Inn.) Armstrong is reported to be financing Smith's The Cross and the Flag, which is now

printed at Fort Worth by the Babcock Publishing Company.

Armstrong is also a supporter of VANCE MUSE's Christian American Association, having become interested in the organization through the late JOHN HENRY KIRBY of Houston, Texas, one of its founders, and Armstrong's "deceased friend and benefactor."

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Considering its financial resources ("...designating one million dollars for the publication and distribution..."), and in view of the fact that Armstrong has indicated an intention to extend his activities through additional offices in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities, this foundation is of serious interest.

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AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INC.

Portland, Oregon

The incorporation of this new organization dedicated to the exposure of the "Roosevelt conspiracy" was announced on April 19, 1947, by ex-Senator RUFUS C. HOLMAN. The release issued by Holman's attorney, Dellmore Lessard, lists the former Senator as president, Mrs. Norma Holman as treasurer, and Lessard as secretary. The alleged purpose of this "nonpolitical, nonprofit and purely educational" organization, according to the incorporators, is to "sponsor lectures, preserve and circulate books and documents". But the line of political orientation seems to be revealed in the following statement contained in the release:

"The only beneficiaries of the Roosevelt conspiracy that we can observe are the war profiteers, the strike masters and labor racketeers and those international people who have insinuated themselves into strategic places of authority in our government and whose mouth-pieces are Walter Winchell, Arthur A. Deronian, alias John Roy Carlson, author of the false book 'Undercover', Drew Pearson and their ilk."

Attacking the "futile wars" waged "to make the world safe for democracy", and to "preserve the four freedoms", the one-time Senator charged that

"Our country is well nigh bankrupt, our people oppressed by excessive taxation, our natural resources squandered and wasted and throughout the world there is now suffering, suspicion, intrigue and bloodshed."

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Personalities

The record of Rufus Holman as U. S. Senator from Oregon reveals a curious attitude toward nazi Germany. He stated on the floor of the



Senate that "Hitler has broken the control of the international bankers over the wages and savings of the common people of Germany", and that "Hitler's policy in this respect could be followed by England and the United States". (Cong. Record of March 4, 1941) On this occasion he also recommended a book called "Money Creators" by one G. M. COOGAN, which charged that Jews were behind the plots of the international money trusts. Holman inserted into the Congressional Record of March 8, 1941, a reprint of a pamphlet entitled "Money Politics and the Future", by H. T. MILLS, which praised Hitler as the champion of the "Shape of things to come against Jewish International Bankers". (Mills is a well-known and frequent contributor to the Patriot, a viciously anti-Semitic fascist publication in Britain.)

Mrs. NORMA HOLMAN, (2116 S. W. Montgomery Drive, Portland, Oregon) the treasurer of this new agency, is the widow of the late Senator ERNEST LUNDEEN. She was active in the America First Committee and was a featured speaker at numerous meetings of GERALD L. K. SMITH and the Citizens USA Committee (see The Facts, November, 1946, p. 19), the National Blue Star Mothers of Pennsylvania (see The Facts, June, 1946, p. 8), etc. Mrs. Lundeen testified as one of the principal defense witnesses in the trial of GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK.

DELLMORE LESSARD, (505 Corbett Bldg., Portland, Oregon) the secretary of the Foundation, was the chairman of the Oregon chapter of the America First Committee. He was reported to have been a legal advisor to ELIZABETH DILLING, and was defense attorney for RALPH TOWNSEND, one of the defendants in the Washington sedition trial. He arranged several meetings for Gerald L. K. Smith in 1946.

Though the Holman organization is now five months old, there is no evidence that it has engaged in any activity beyond that of incorporating. GERALD WINROD, in his June, 1947 issue of Defender, on the basis apparently of the record of the personalities involved, saw fit to give his approval to the new organization. Because the incorporators claim financial resources for the agency ranging from \$150,000 to \$250,000, and in view of the political ambitions of Mr. Holman, this organization is worthy of interest.

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NOTE: There is another organization with this same name in New Haven, Connecticut, (P. O. Box 1622) headed by JAMES M. WELDON, (445 Poplar Street, New Haven 13, Conn.), aiming to "keep America free by combatting the insidious attacks of un-American and subversive groups whose aims are to violently overthrow our Democratic forms and harness Americans with a dictatorship." However, there is no evidence that this Connecticut corporation, which came into being at almost the same time, is in any way connected with the Oregon group.

INTELLIGENT AMERICAN VOTERS' LEAGUE, INC.

Cleveland, Ohio

Apparently as a vehicle for his return to the public arena, MARTIN D. SWEENEY, former Congressman from the 20th Ohio Congressional District, established the Intelligent American Voters' League, Inc. in March, 1945, after several unsuccessful attempts to regain public office. Officers of the League besides Sweeney are JOSEPH M. WALL, vice-president; ELLA C. MONREAL, secretary-treasurer; JOHN BRAUN, sergeant-at-arms, and LEO GOTTAS, DAVID STANLEY, C. J. WENTZEL, trustees.

Sweeney has long been identified in the public mind as a partisan of FATHER COUGHLIN and the German cause.

A member of Congress from 1931 to 1942, Sweeney, in 1936, supported WILLIAM LEMKE, Coughlin's candidate for President. In 1939, he was the principal English language speaker at a German Day celebration in Cleveland. Thereafter, he established himself in Congress as a leading isolationist, spearheading Congressional opposition to President Roosevelt's foreign policies and inserting into the Congressional Record material from Social Justice and the Gaelic American, both Coughlinite sheets. Sweeney was a member of the executive committee of ex-Congressman HAMILTON FISH's Committee to Keep America Out of Foreign Wars; in 1940 he inserted into the Congressional Record a letter written by PRESCOTT DENNETT, treasurer of the Make Europe Pay War Debts Committee.

Public reaction against Sweeney became so strong that in 1942 he was defeated in his campaign for re-election. However, he did not stray from the course which he had selected, and on May 11, 1943, was the principal

speaker at a meeting held in Detroit by GERALD L. K. SMITH's America First Party. Thereafter, he associated himself with Father EDWARD LODGE CURRAN, sharing public platforms with him on a number of occasions. Sweeney continued his attempts to re-establish himself politically, but in each of his campaigns for public office he went down to defeat.

The Intelligent American Voters' League's second meeting, on April 15, 1945, was a sixtieth birthday celebration for Mr. Sweeney at the Hotel Cleveland, and in honor of this occasion, national figures were invited to address the gathering. Among them were ex-Senator BURTON K. WHEELER of Montana, Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit, and ex-Congressman Hamilton Fish. None is known to have appeared, although Wheeler was reported to have sent greetings.

On March 10, 1946, UPTON CLOSE addressed a League group of 750 people at the Masonic Auditorium in Cleveland, and America First Party members acted as ushers. In introducing Close, Sweeney revealed that the League had donated handsomely toward securing broadcast time for Close, who, according to Sweeney, had been persecuted by the "Communist element."

Another man who spoke before a League meeting of approximately 600 persons on October 15, 1946, at the Public Auditorium in Cleveland, was Father Edward Lodge Curran. In his speech, amid enthusiastic applause from the audience, he said: "I want you to know that I think that nobody has to apologize for following the leadership of Father Coughlin." Curran further declared (his talk was entitled "Orthodox Americanism") that this is a Christian country, even though anyone visiting New York or Brooklyn would think it was a Jewish country.

As recently as March 28, 1947, about 200 of the League's people

listened to an address by former U.S. Senator RUSH D. HOLT, also at the Public Auditorium.

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The Intelligent American Voters' League, Inc. is the creature of a has-been politician, who, repudiated by his Ohio constituents five years ago, is unsuccessfully attempting, by means of an "independent" organization, to project himself once again into the political arena.

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~~PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM~~

Los Angeles, Cal.

This anti-Semitic organization, headed by ~~EARL C. CRAIG~~, continues to hold regular monthly meetings at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, Cal. However, attendance at these meetings has dwindled from 800 persons in the organization's early days in 1945, to about 40, mostly women, at its last meeting on May 14, 1947. On the other hand, the vilification of Jews by the Forum's orators becomes increasingly violent with each meeting.

At a meeting of the Forum on July 17, 1945, presided over by Craig, GERALD L. K. SMITH attacked the ADL as a "racketeering Gestapo, financed by Jews who go out to get men fired if they say anything against the Jews". Smith added that "the enemy is financed by the Russian Jews of Hollywood". This Jew-baiting was echoed by the audience and indeed, at a meeting a week later, a number of persons at the gathering rose and shouted, "Kill the damn Jews!".

In line with most other groups of the same nature, the Public Affairs Forum, under the leadership of Craig castigates Zionism and Zionists, whom it identifies with communists. Craig's active fight against Zionism led to a melee involving a thousand persons in front of the British consulate in Los Angeles on July 19, 1946. On that day, a number of Jewish demonstrators picketed the consulate, demanding the release of 2,000 hostages in Palestine, when Craig joined them carrying a sign which read: "Americans Beware of These Palestine Agitators". The subsequent fisticuffs ended in police intervention.

But the Forum's specialist in its fulminations against Zionism is



SALEM BADER, who claims to have been a resident of Palestine for about 25 years and a commentator on the Mutual Broadcasting System during the San Francisco conference. He has vigorously endorsed Hitler and the cause of the Arabs. On June 12, 1946, Bader declared in Los Angeles that "I agree with what Hitler did to the Jews [and] he should come to America"; on November 27, 1946, Bader insisted that the "Arabs have again been double-crossed by the United States because the politicians count on Zionist votes." He has favored the "boycott" of Jews, and advocates the continuance of Upton Close's radio broadcasts in spite of the "Jew terrorists".

In addition to the Jews, refugees, the FEPC, the ADL and B'nai B'rith, Bader also attacks Mobilization for Democracy and its honorary chairman, Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY, for his exposure and prosecution of the Ku Klux Klan in California. It was Mobilization for Democracy which urged Attorney General Kenny to extend his investigations to "other subversive organizations and individuals who carry on parallel activities" and named eight persons whose activities Mobilization for Democracy demanded should be probed. Heading the list is Earl Craig, described as the man "who appeared before the Board of Education to uphold Gerald L. K. Smith's application to speak at the Polytechnic High School here and who tried to halt McClanahan's recall".

MEADE MCCLANAHAN, ousted Los Angeles Councilman and Smith supporter, is another of the Forum's featured speakers. He maintains that "Jews are filthy, contemptible, sneaky, cowardly, and lousy" (July 24, 1946), and stresses that the Jews control the newspapers, the radio, business, real estate, and all other fields of public life; he is sympathetic to a boycott of the Jews if vigorously enforced (April 8, 1947).

The speeches of Craig, who always serves as chairman, are not less vitriolic. But he concentrates his efforts on the advancement and distribution of anti-Semitic literature, such as "Money", the Benjamin Franklin forgery, the fabricated "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion", copies of the advertisement in the Herald-Tribune of January 14, 1947, of the "League for Peace With Justice in Palestine", and the pamphlet, "The Anti-Defamation League and Its Use in the World Communist Offensive", by Robert H. Williams.

The gatherings of the Forum are the rendezvous of a number of other notorious anti-Semites: Mr. HIGGINS, who referred to Gerald L. K. Smith as his "dear brother", whom he likes to follow; CLINTON J. TAFT, who is also a great admirer of Smith; BLANCHE BALLAUGH, an artist, who rants against the Jews, but concentrates specifically on refugees; Mrs. LUCINDA BENGE, a prominent leader of an anti-Semitic "mothers" group and an ardent Smith follower, who charged that the Jews exclusively were to blame for World War II (3/18/47), and proclaimed against the B'nai B'rith, which she characterized as a "front" for the "Reds"; she also accused the Jews, among other things, of being responsible for the "communist infiltration" into the Administration. (4/17/47).

The vile and slanderous nature of these speeches, delivered by leading West Coast anti-Semites, is the only explanation for the otherwise unwarranted attention paid to this insignificant and declining organization.

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~~KURT MERTIG,~~

The German-American Republican League

and

The Citizens' Protective League

Some of the "crack-pot" pro-Hitler propagandists are operating again at their old corners in the U. S. A. This time they are desperately "anti-Nazi"; this time, they are seeking merely to "bolster German pride and virtue"; this time, they are out to save the "good Germans" in the Fatherland under the innocent guise of a campaign to organize American relief measures. Among these anti-Semitic promoters, who profess to be intensely patriotic, are some notorious members of the Bund, men who did everything in their power to turn America over to Hitler by sabotaging our aid to the Allies, and our war effort directly.

An organized effort to revive his two pre-war groups has been undertaken by KURT MERTIG. They are the Citizens' Protective League and the German-American Republican League of Greater New York; located at 317 East 54th Street. The clue to the new "line" of these groups can be found in the person of Mertig, who serves as chairman of each. Mertig, always an insignificant figure, was once secretary of the disbanded United German Societies and now pretends to be spearheading the rebirth of German societies throughout the country to replace the German-American Bund.

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### BACKGROUND HISTORY

Described by the New York Times of March 15, 1937, as "an active organizer of pro-nazi forces in this city," Mertig had been an unimportant employe of the German-American Line and a one-time secretary of the German Social-Scientific Society in New York, a reputable organization founded in the last century by Carl Schurz.

#### Prior to the War

His Citizens' Protective League actually goes back to the middle '30s; Mertig became its chairman in 1937. The League was a rallying point for Bund elements and native fascists, among whom were "Christian" Fronters and "Christian" Mobilizers. Meetings were held every Monday evening at New York Turnhalle, in the heart of Yorkville on Lexington Avenue and 85th Street, New York City, and were advertised in Fritz Kuhn's Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, the official organ of the German-American Bund. The issue of September 15, 1938, carried an advertisement, signed by Kurt Mertig as Chairman of the League, announcing the following topics and speakers at its scheduled meetings:

"Monday, Sept. 19	'Why the Lindbergh Case Must Be Solved', Hon. Thos. F. Rice, former Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General.
"Thursday, Sept. 29	'Actual conditions in Germany', as eye- witnessed by a New York lawyer, with new sound-films not shown before.
"Monday, Oct. 3	'What Goes On Behind the Curtain in America?' Speakers, L.A. Zahne and Hon. N.W. Rogers."

Mertig, a staunch isolationist himself, was linked with anti-admin-  
istration isolationist groups, such as HORACE J. HAASE's Americans For Peace.

In 1937, the Bund and the League demanded the impeachment of President Roosevelt as a war-monger. At an "Anti-War Mass Meeting for Patriotic Christian Americans" held under the auspices of a "United Christian Front" on Sept. 26, 1941, at Queens Village, L.I., Mertig was one of four principal speakers. The other three were described as "HON. C. DANIEL KURTS, leader of 'The Christian Front' Minute-Men; REV. DR. JOHN C. FITTING, 'Lutheran Brotherhood'; HON. EDWARD JAMES SMYTHE, chairman National Executive Committee, Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc."

Intimates and co-workers of Mertig in the League have included JAMES WHEELER-HILL,<sup>(1)</sup> JOE McWILLIAMS; other subversive leaders who have been close to Mertig include ROBERT E. EDMONDSON,<sup>(2)</sup> ROYAL S. GULDEN,<sup>(3)</sup> and the officers of the now-dissolved American Fellowship Forum, whose chairman, FRIEDRICH AUHAGEN, was recently deported to Germany as an undesirable alien. Particularly close to Mertig was LOUIS A. ZAHNE, one of the incorporators of the Friends of the New Germany, the predecessor of the Bund. (Zahne pleaded guilty in December, 1944 and was sent to jail for giving false testimony before an Army Exclusion Board.)

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#### During the War

The League's meetings were continued after Pearl Harbor, and at one of these gatherings in March, 1942, Haase demanded that America "conclude

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1. Former Nat'l Sec'y of the German-American Bund. Sentenced in 1940 to 3 years in prison for perjury. Subsequently interned as a dangerous enemy alien.
  2. Professionally anti-Semitic pamphleteer; a defendant in the mass sedition case.
  3. Former leader of the pro-Nazi Order of '76 and a close associate of William Dudley Pelley.

an immediate peace." Although it was reported in June of 1943, that the League was disbanded by Mertig, it actually went underground, and small groups of members assembled in private homes. At the end of the year, Mertig received an expulsion order from the Army Exclusion Board. He replied by letter, refusing to move inland from the Atlantic coastal area. Boasting of having cooperated with most of those indicted in the Washington sedition trial, Mertig, in 1944, together with defense attorneys HENRY H. KLEIN and JOHN S. WISE, Jr. reportedly visited Washington, to help two defendants, ERNEST F. ELMHURST and EUGENE NELSON SANCTUARY.

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#### After the War

Only a few days after the surrender of the German armies, Mertig and his League began anew, embarking upon a campaign of well calculated propaganda in behalf of Germany. Trying now to awaken sympathy for German "women and children, the war-maimed and the aged," he appealed to the emotions of America in the new role of chairman of the German-American Republican League of Greater New York. He disclosed this activity in a letter of June 24, 1945, addressed to the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The letter demanded that the assistance granted to Jews and other nazi victims be discontinued, and that, instead, immediate help be given to the Germans. This demand was accompanied by a threat that the powerful vote of thirty million German-Americans will be felt in the "coming elections."\* The letter, which makes it appear as if Germany were a liberated not a

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\* The "30,000,000 German-Americans" figure probably was pilfered from the Nazi theoretician General Hans Haushofer, who, in his "Geopolitics of the Pacific Ocean," bemoaned the fate of the "unredeemed national groups of 30,000,000 German racial comrades" in Canada and the United States.



defeated country, reads in part as follows:

"During the past twelve years the Roosevelt administration has been instrumental in every conceivable way in furthering the cause of the foreign relatives and co-religionists of some four million Jewish American citizens--giving them financial, political and economic succor, and, as end product, has expended the lives and limbs of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers besides the concomitant suffering of their American families...

"There are, however, in the United States 25 to 30 millions of American citizens of German descent, who...are profoundly interested in the welfare of their relatives abroad, who, from hunger and disease are now suffering pains and anxieties utterly unknown in this country...

"The American citizens of German stock do not intend to sit idly by to see millions of their kinfolk in Germany die a cruel death by starvation right now, or freeze to death during the coming winter.

"All self-respecting American citizens of German descent undoubtedly wish to serve notice on our present Administration that the German-American vote is going to make itself felt, in the coming elections, for the strengthening of the basic principles which all of us are proud to call American--the very opposite of the policy now being pursued."

Posing as a spokesman of German-Americans, Mertig then sent a still more impertinent letter to President Truman which appeared in C. LEON De ARYAN's The Broom (San Diego, Cal.) of August 6, 1945. In this second letter, Mertig, as chairman of the Protective Citizens' League, declared that the Germans in America

"...have been manifesting a typical German attitude of patience and silent submission toward the officials put in charge of bringing order out of European chaos, where hunger and famine, especially in Germany, is staring everybody in the face.

"This patience and endurance is all the more notable since for twelve long years past they have been injured and humiliated and conspired against by an impudent but cunningly entrenched one-fortieth minority of our population which imagines that by reason of its control over our newspapers and other information agencies it will be

able to induce the Allied nations to restore to them the wealth prior to the second world war the German Government took away from their race on the ground that this race itself had originally taken that wealth from the German people by extortion and usury. (Emphasis ours.)

"...this one-fortieth minority laid its plans years ago and commenced by subjecting its fellow citizens of German ancestry to an illegal boycott, and is now carrying its campaign to the point of howling for the utter extirpation of the German race amid a chaos and confusion such as the world has never previously witnessed."

"That the government of the United States shall use its full power and influence toward the inducing of each and all of the United Nations to cease and desist from an infamous program and policy embodied in the plans and proposals which at present are being put forward by international Jewry, as a preliminary to the final and culminating success of its eagerly pursued design for world domination -- the program and policy of sending demobilized German war prisoners and ex-soldiers away from Germany, where they would otherwise be able to protect their families from the industrial and sex slavery practiced against them in former years by this same international Jewry, and consigning these capable men to hopeless slavery for indefinite periods of separation from those wives, from whom, by express command of God Almighty himself, they may not rightfully 'be put asunder'."

Mertig's protests of "loyalty to this Republic and to its institutions" contrasted strangely with his "protective" activity in behalf of 15 Bundists and 900 "dangerous enemy aliens." Mertig filed suit in the U. S. District Court in Washington to restrain Attorney General TOM CLARK from pressing deportation proceedings against those Bundists who had been de-naturalized and interned preparatory to deportation. Prior thereto this same group had been convicted for conspiring to stimulate wholesale draft evasion; the U. S. Supreme Court reversed the conviction.

Mertig addressed a letter, dated August 9, 1945, to all members of Congress, calling on them to intercede with Mr. Clark and not to permit the

"feeling of revenge" entertained by Jews to be satisfied at the expense of justice.

As champion of pro-fascist causes, Mertig finally came into conflict with the law: On October 6, 1945, addressing the first "Christian" Front rally in Queens County, New York since 1941, Mertig was arrested for unlawful assembly. The meeting, advertised in circulars as an attempt to revive the "Christian" Front movement in New York, and attended by 300 men and women, was opened by C. DANIEL KURTS, whose real name is Casimir Kudelski, self-proclaimed leader of the "Christian" Front in Queens. Other speakers included HOMER MAERTZ, ERNEST F. ELMHURST, Mrs. CATHERINE BROWN of Philadelphia, founder and head of the National Blue Star Mothers of Pennsylvania and FREDERICK KISTER of Chicago, national chairman of the "Christian" Veterans of America, a Gerald L. K. Smith front organization. Among the literature sold was ARNOLD S. LEESE's pamphlet "Jewish Ritual Murder," which declared that the kidnapped child of Lindbergh was the victim of Jewish ritual murder.

On January 10, 1946, in the Court of Special Sessions, Mertig, Elmhurst and Maertz were convicted of unlawful assembly. Mertig and Elmhurst each drew a sentence of six months in the workhouse; Maertz, a year in City Prison. The sentences were upheld by the Court of Appeals of the State of New York; on March 17, 1947, petitions by Mertig and Elmhurst for a re-hearing were denied by the Supreme Court of the United States.

After his release from jail, Mertig directed a letter to President Truman on October 10, 1946, declaring that

"...if this Nurnberg plan of hanging eleven German businessmen and German officials is to be put in force, is it not tenfold more mandatory to hang the hypocritical politicians and financiers who are now plotting against the world a tyranny far more extensive and far more disastrous than was ever contemplated by Hitler! And

this includes, with double force, such smooth conspirators against the World Peace as Morgenthau, Baruch, Rosenman and Frankfurter, as well as other key operators in what is widely believed to be a conspiracy to dominate the human race."

Four days later, this was followed by a telegram to Mr. Truman:

"Did you decontrol meat last night to divert growing public resentment from tonight's lynching of German officials unconstitutionally sentenced to hanging at Nurnberg?"

Mertig also sent a telegram to General Joseph T. McNarny to Berlin, trying to halt the hangings. Said Mertig:

"Nurnberg decision sets back civilization thousand years. Preserve last vestige of American honor and decency by releasing the national leaders of Germany."

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#### Mertig and de Aryan

Mertig seems to have a particular affinity for California's C. Leon de Aryan, one of the defendants in the recently dismissed Washington mass sedition case. De Aryan's five-cent hate sheet, The Broom, devotes a considerable amount of space to articles and letters from Mertig.

Encouraged in 1945 by Senator THEODORE G. BILBO's racial speeches in the U. S. Senate, and bigoted letters attacking minorities, anti-Semitic leaders throughout the country turned to the Mississippi Senator for an endorsement. Bilbo's friendly letter, addressed to Mertig, promptly appeared in The Broom of July 23, 1945; in the letter Bilbo promised to start a campaign to deport all U. S. Negroes to Africa.

During the last national election, The Broom, in its issue of November 11, 1946, carried a letter by Mertig asking all citizens of German ancestry to vote as a bloc to offset the "Jewish influence" in the government.

On April 7, 1947, The Broom advertised the meetings of Mertig's organizations. The June 23, 1947 issue, contained a letter from Congressman William Lemke to Mertig stating that "liquidation and murdering of our vanquished foes" should cease. "The Central powers were not alone responsible for bringing on World War II," Lemke insists, "our own internationalists assisted Churchill...."

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#### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Early this year, Mertig resumed his "regular weekly open forums," held every Tuesday at Werdermann Hall, 160 Third Avenue, New York City. In his meeting announcements, Mertig declared:

"Our present 'New Deal' administration continues willfully negligent in its duties to real Americanism and to humanity. We must send delegations to Washington to acquaint members of Congress with our just grievances. Especially American citizens of German descent must unite to oppose the oppressors of the helpless and demand that a just and fair peace be at once negotiated with Germany."

These meetings attracted the attention of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Representative McDowell of Pennsylvania, who heads the sub-committee on fascist activities, attended one and found a hundred persons in attendance. McDowell then publicly stated that he considered these affairs a re-emergence of the German-American Bund.

AHMAD HUSSEIN, an Egyptian propaganda agent in the United States, attended and spoke at a meeting on March 20, 1947. Mertig, who preceded Hussein, violently assailed the Jews to his audience of 150 persons. He shouted hysterically that the small Jewish minority controls the United

States and "The Jews want our blood." He added that Franklin D. Roosevelt was the "greatest criminal the world has ever known and his malodorous spirit is still affecting the administration in Washington." Then Hussein took the platform and repeated the familiar apologies for Hitler's aggression, charging that Britain was responsible for the recent conflict.

At the April 1 meeting, speaker Mertig read a letter from Dr. MAUDE DeLAND, an anti-Semite of long standing. Dr. DeLand's letter purportedly stated that, after having met with Rep. McDowell, she believes him to be "nothing but a stool-pigeon who is out for himself." Ernest Elmhurst warned that "the power of the Jews is not receding, for they are still pulling the strings in our government." He stated that Jews are divided into two operating sections, each collaborating with the other to bring about Jewish domination of the world. According to Elmhurst, they are "the international Jew banker" and "the international Jew proletariat." "So you see," said Elmhurst, "the Jew can't lose."

A young German seaman, still in the United States Merchant Marine, told the group he had just returned from Bremerhaven. He painted a sad picture of the plight of the Germans, in the course of which he said:

"There you have the greatest attempt ever made to kill off a race. If the German people go out in decent clothes, the Jewish DP's kill them and rob the bodies of the clothes."

The tone which has prevailed at other Mertig meetings has not been less vicious. In April, 1947, the management of Werdermann Hall found it advisable to deny to Mertig the further use of the assembly room. Consequently, Mertig and his cohorts were compelled to meet at various places in New York City, such as the Hotel Empire, 63 Street and Broadway (May 16),



and at the Yorkville Casino, 210 East 86 Street (May 28), and at The Malin Studios, located at 225 West 46 Street (June 19). According to recent reports, The Malin Studios also cancelled the arrangements with Mertig.

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Neither Kurt Mertig nor his pseudo-patriotic agencies appear to be gaining ground. Mertig's following is as small as ever it was; his influence apparently little. Though his lines of propaganda have been altered to meet the changing world conditions, they remain so patently un-American there is little chance they will be adopted by the American people.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 5/18/48

FROM : A. ROSEN

Call 4:45 p.m.

SUBJECT: ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

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Mr. Irving Kaufman of the Department telephonically inquired as to whether I knew anything about the AntiDefamation League, and if I knew of any suggestion of Communist infiltration in this League. Kaufman stated he had been asked to go on the Board of Directors of this League.

I told Kaufman that I knew nothing about the League as I had not been in touch with it in recent years. He said he intends to go on the Board of Directors unless he is told of some reason why he should not.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

FROM : MR. JONES

SUBJECT: "ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1947," issued by Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

DATE: July 8, 1948

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**SPONSORSHIP:** This publication was prepared by Arnold Forster, National Director, and the staff of the Civil Rights Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

**SCOPE AND PURPOSE:** The pamphlet, in its own words, is a survey which "describes, analyzes, and evaluates anti-Semitism throughout the United States in the year 1947." The material consists of summaries of reports from regional offices of the Anti-Defamation League and cooperating Jewish Community Councils. The pamphlet is arranged, after an introduction and summary of findings, into various sections, consisting of reports from geographical regions, state-wide reports, and reports from key cities of the nation. In addition, a discussion of anti-Jewish publications and an analysis of anti-Semitism as reflected in the foreign language press are included.

**CONCLUSIONS REACHED IN THIS PAMPHLET:** The survey reveals that, broadly speaking, with certain geographic exceptions, there was a very real increase in unorganized anti-Semitism during 1947. (The pamphlet defines unorganized anti-Semitism as "acts of anti-Semitism not directed by professional hate-mongers. This includes individual acts of hostility against Jews, and economic, social, and educational discrimination directed against Jews.") However, the survey indicates less organized anti-Semitic activity in 1947 than at any time since 1933.

The study reached a number of conclusions in regard to organized and unorganized anti-Semitism for the year 1947. They are being quoted as follows:

**UNORGANIZED ANTI-SEMITISM**

"1. The year 1947 revealed a distressing tendency in responsible quarters to accept public figures who in previous years were considered unacceptable personalities.

2. The anti-Semite who concealed his bigotry under professions of good will and a cloak of respectability, was able effectively to carry on his activities during 1947.

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3. A slight increase in employment discrimination during the course of the year was reported.

4. With the continuing increase in the shortage of housing facilities, a greater number of complaints of discrimination were reported to interested agencies in the large cities of the nation during 1947.

5. The experience in the area of employment and housing was found to repeat itself in the area of higher education.

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6. A marked increase was reported in the practice of excluding persons from hotel resorts on the basis only of race or religion.

7. The last twelve months witnessed a noticeable decrease in the number of assaults upon Jewish persons, desecrations of Jewish houses of worship, and injury to Jewish owned property."

#### ORGANIZED ANTI-SEMITISM

"1. In 1947 there remained a small number of organized anti-Jewish organizations in the United States which had significant influence, resources and membership.

2. Approximately 75 anti-Semitic or suspect newspapers and other periodicals were published regularly during the year.

3. In 1947 Arab propaganda agencies in the United States and their native allies beclouded the Palestine issue with careful anti-Jewish campaigns.

4. The professional hate groups had little, if any, success in 1947 in winning adherents from the ranks of American GIs of World War II.

5. The number of candidates for political office in 1947 who used anti-Jewish hatred as a campaign weapon, was extremely low.

6. In 1947 a large section of the foreign language press in the United States expressed an increasing amount of anti-Semitic sentiment in both editorial columns and news reports."

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The pamphlet, under the sections devoted to regional, state, and city reports, gives specific examples of anti-Semitic activities which have occurred during 1947 in those particular areas. Specific individuals and periodicals, believed to be anti-Semitic are named; incidents of discrimination, in the field of education, housing, amusements, etc., cited; and the strength and character of organizations, considered to possess anti-Jewish sympathies, analyzed. Trends, in the particular region, state, or city, of organized and unorganized anti-Semitism, are given. Likewise, any special community projects, national, state, or local legislation, or judicial interpretations, which have helped to relieve anti-Semitism, are mentioned and their influence on the problem of anti-Semitism evaluated.

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The Miami Daily News for January 5, 1949, carried an announcement that GILBERT J. BALKIN of 624 86th Street, Miami Beach, Florida, had been appointed Director of the Florida Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith at Miami, Florida. The article described BALKIN as a native of St. Louis, a graduate of Washington University, and a member of the Miami Beach Jewish Center and Secretary of the Men's Club.

The Miami files contain the following information concerning GILBERT J. BALKIN and his wife, REVELLA F. BALKIN, aka REVVY BALKIN:

Investigation of the Southern Negro Youth Congress in 1947 in Miami, Florida, showed that BALKIN was one of the speakers at a conference on Vocational Training held by the Southern Negro Youth Congress on August 18 and 19, 1947. Another individual speaking at the same time was CHARLES SMOLIKOFF who is recognized as the leader of the Communist Party in Miami, Florida. The Southern Negro Youth Congress is an alleged Communist front organization.

The Miami Beach Times for January 11, 1947, carried a photograph of GILBERT BALKIN and stated that he had been named Corresponding Secretary of the Dade County Civil Rights Council. Informants have advised that the Dade County Civil Rights Council has now been absorbed by the Civil Rights Congress, Miami Chapter.

The Miami Herald for August 16, 1947, announced that both GILBERT and REVVY BALKIN were serving as members of the Dade County Fair Rent Council along with several other individuals known to the Miami Office to be members of the Communist Party.

The 1948 membership list of the Miami Chapter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, secured through a very confidential source, lists Mrs. REVVY BALKIN as a member and shows that she is also a subscriber to the Southern Conference publication "The Southern Patriot", and is a member of the Publicity Committee for Miami group.

The 1946 membership list for the Miami Council of American-Soviet Friendship, secured through a very confidential source, listed Mrs. REVVY BALKIN as a member, she having paid her dues on June 28, 1946.

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Both the Council for American-Soviet Friendship and the Southern Conference for Human Welfare are alleged Communist front organizations and are known to be Communist dominated in the Miami area.

In 1944 and 1945, while EARL BROWDER was head of the Communist Party - USA, the Communist Party of Florida dissolved itself and immediately reconstituted under the name of the Florida Press and Educational League. The Miami Club of the Florida Press and Educational League was known as the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Club. With the removal of BROWDER in 1946, the Florida Press and Educational League was dissolved and the Communist Party of Florida again reconstituted. However the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Club in Miami had been so successful operating under this name that the Communists decided to continue the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Club as a local Communist front organization. In 1947 and 1948 the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Club established as its official organ a monthly newspaper known as "The Miami Beacon" and the masthead of this newspaper showed REYV BALKIN as editor. Informants of the Miami Office have advised that in addition to being editor, REYV BALKIN supplied most of the money to keep this paper alive. No issues of the Beacon have been published since the summer of 1948. It should be noted that the editorial line of this paper was strictly to the Left and was always in accord with the Communist Party line.

The hearings of the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives held in Miami, Florida, March 3, 1948, developed testimony from witnesses appearing before it in which this paper was described as a Communist Party paper published by REYV BALKIN.

In addition to the aforesaid facts concerning the possible Communist connections of GILBERT BALKIN and his wife, REYV BALKIN, it should also be noted that the activities directors of YMHA and YWHA at Miami Beach, Florida, and Miami, Florida, namely GUS JACOBS and JULIUS SAMUELS, are both known members of the Communist Party and are in frequent contact with Communist Party leaders and Communist front organizations in the Miami area. This Communist infiltration of these three Jewish organizations is furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

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DATE: October 19, 1949

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

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Miss Gandy

With reference to the conversation I had yesterday with Mr. Millenson of Congressman Javits' office, while talking later in the day to Herman Edelsberg of the Anti-Defamation League the latter apologized for not having called me earlier in the day. He stated he had had a conversation with Millenson wherein Millenson had suggested that they were going to ask the FBI to carry a brief item in a future issue of the Law Enforcement Bulletin pointing out that the FBI does not recommend the use of descriptive words such as "Jew" is referring to nationality. Edelsberg stated that he told Millenson he would oppose the Bureau doing this.

Millenson then made the counter-proposal that some good could be accomplished at a later date if the Bureau, without referring to the New York Compass or the St. Louis police department matter, made a statement on the use of phraseology such as "Jew" or "Jewish." Edelsberg stated he could not complain with Millenson on this but that anything we did was of our own choosing. He still felt, however, that negative publicity would do more harm for the cause than good.

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October 17, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am grateful for your October 13 letter advising that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had nothing whatever to do with the formulation, approval or endorsement of the identification form used by the St. Louis Police Department. The Anti-Defamation League rejected out of hand that aspect of the St. Louis story which charged the Bureau with responsibility for the unfortunate classification. We could not do otherwise on the basis of our experience with the FBI and our knowledge of your attitude in matters of this kind.

We have known for many years that the FBI, under your direction, has consistently frowned on the use of offensive misclassifications which are unscientific and undemocratic. We were glad to have your re-affirmation of policy.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Meier Steinbrink*  
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National Chairman

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October 27, 1949

Mr. Herman Edelsberg  
Director  
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith  
1003 K Street, Northwest  
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edelsberg:

Your note of October 24th has been received and I very much appreciate your courtesy in making available the clipping from the National Jewish Post on October 21, 1949.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Nichols

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I send you a clipping from the National Jewish Post of October 21, 1949, with a marked paragraph on the St. Louis Police classification system, which indicates that the St. Louis Community condemned the original JTA story as being distorted.

Sincerely yours,

*Herman Edelsberg*  
Herman Edelsberg

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# St. Louis Police Drop Classification

## Hit 'Distorted' Stories

THE NATIONAL JEWISH POST

National Jewish Post

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—News articles in the Anglo-Jewish press recently which accused the St. Louis police department of discriminatory methods in identification of a group of individuals with criminal records as "American Jewish" were labelled this week as "complete distortion of fact" by Chief of Police Jeremiah O'Connell.

In a letter to all persons making inquiries in connection with this report, Chief O'Connell said "The St. Louis police department at no time has attempted to segregate, or in any manner discriminate, against citizens because of race, color, religion or creed. We firmly believe in the very essence of democracy is full and equal treatment under the law for all persons."

The letter then referred the inquiring persons to Myron Schwartz, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, who, according to the police chief, has discussed these matters with him.

While no official announcement has been made, the National Jewish Post learned that immediately after the matter was called to his attention, Chief O'Connell ordered all nation and religious designations eliminated from the forms used in connection with criminal records.

In a report to Jules Cohen, national coordinator of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, Schwartz said, in part, "The attitude of the St. Louis police department is that, although it feels this item is a present National Community Relations Council, it has been of assistance in the identification of criminals, it would rather forego the use of this category than give offense to any group. . . . The police department stated it confined the use of this form and accompanying IBM punch card only to previously convicted felons."

Schwartz also sent a letter to Henry A. Atkinson,

of the Council Against Intolerance in America, N. Y., and to Mrs. Vera L. Hannerberg, secretary to the editor of the Jewish Daily FORWARD, which published a denial by the Albany, N. Y., police department that it classified Jewish criminals under a "religious designation."

In those letters Schwartz said that the form used by the local police department was modeled after the Personal Appearance Form of the Division of Criminal Identification of Albany, N. Y., as follows: No. 27—Apparent Race: (1) Italian, (2) Irish, (3) Hebrew or Jewish, etc. ten racial classifications in all."

Schwartz added that "we are completely satisfied that the form which is to be used in the future will obviate any embarrassment or offense that might be caused to any group of people due to the form that has been in use."

Despite the reports, there was no widespread excitement following publication in the Jewish RECORD, a semi-Yiddish Jewish weekly, of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's pickup of a New York daily newspaper's original story.

As one result, however, it was being urged here that the annual allocation to the JTA from the St. Louis Jewish Welfare Fund be eliminated.

The proposal for that action was based in part on what local sources said was a case of poor reporting by the JTA on the St. Louis story. Sources here said no effort was made by the JTA to check with St. Louis police before printing the story.

In part, the proposal for withdrawal of the allocation to the JTA also stemmed from the withdrawal from the JTA board of five members whose names carried considerable weight with the local allocation committee.

The five members, headed by Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish Committee president, withdrew in protest against the recent reorganization of the JTA (NJP Sept. 23).

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I am sorry I did not have more accurate  
information about the Jewish Telegraphic Agency when  
we discussed it on the phone the other day.

The enclosed clipping from the Indianapolis  
National Jewish Post gives an up-to-date account  
of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Sincerely yours,

Herman Edelsberg

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# Landau Yields JTA Stock Control In Reorganization; Blaustein Out

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Approval of a plan for re-organization of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week ended a seven-hour JTA board meeting at which managing director Jacob Landau agreed to transfer to a new board all his shares of JTA stock.

Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish Committee president and Landau's bitterest enemy on the board, resigned permanently. Three other board members, Frank Weil, president of the Jewish Welfare Board, Rose Jacobs, and Albert H. Lieberman of Philadelphia, also resigned but it was understood they would reconsider their resignations.

The agreement brought to an end a long-time fight to bring under greater communal control the operations of the world's largest anglo-Jewish press association.

Landau, who founded the JTA, has fought to keep his control despite the fact that in recent years, as much as three-fourths of the JTA's annual operating budget has come from communal funds.

The new board of 25, which will be chosen by the present board within 30 days, will have full authority to deal with widespread complaints about JTA op-



JACOB BLAUSTEIN  
Through With the JTA

agency and strong enough to carry out needed changes.

The new board will be instructed to follow a policy providing for local autonomy and local communal responsibility of each overseas JTA office. Shares of the Palestine Telegraphic Agency will be turned over to a similar new board in Israel.

The new JTA board will have the task of determining how the new Israel JTA board will be chosen. One of the principles will be that no Israeli Government official will be considered for membership on the Israel board.

The plan was worked out by George Backer, president of the board, and George Alpert, a board member.

## What Blaustein Wanted

Details of the plan Blaustein proposed could not be learned though it was reported that it called for even wider communal control than that finally approved.

A part of Blaustein's

dismissal of Landau or seven AJ Committee members on the board did not at any time speak or vote as a bloc.

long-time supporter of Landau and chairman

## Landau Denies Bid For Israel Aid

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Jacob Landau, managing director of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, this week categorically denied a charge that on his recent trip to Israel he sought financial aid from the Israel Government.

The charge was made by Allan Lesser, managing editor of the MENORAH JOURNAL, in one of his exchanges with the JTA following publication of an article in the Spring issue of the periodical, accusing the JTA of mismanagement and waste.

Lesser, informed of the denial, said that the JTA had failed to disprove any of his earlier charges and that he would stand on that record.

Landau was present briefly but took no part in the deliberations.

## CJFWF Interested

The CJFWF was not represented formally but it was learned that Harry Lurie, its executive director, was kept fully informed of developments during the meeting.

Landau started the debate with a lengthy statement seeking to refute Blaustein's claims of mismanagement and wasteful operations.

Blaustein reportedly had a majority of the board members with him at the start of the meeting but the situation changed after a full discussion of the charges and counter-charges of Blaustein and Landau.

Reports that Blaustein sought to dominate the JTA were not supported by his reorganization plan though it was understood that if a majority of the board had approved it, he would probably have obtained board chairmanship.

The Post was told that the six or seven AJ Committee members on the board did not at any time speak or vote as a bloc.

## What Needs Done

This was understood to refer to the JTA's huge deficits, the status of Seven Arts Feature Syndicate and the Overseas News Agency, the JTA's two subsidiaries; complaints about the JTA's reportedly inadequate domestic news coverage and reported failure of the JTA to furnish clear financial statements to the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The CJFWF, representing the U.S. Jewish community's 265 local federations and welfare funds, has been pressing for a re-organization of the JTA for some time.

Under the present setup, the JTA has been operated by five trustees, controlled by Landau through his stock ownership, and a board named by the trustees.

## No Compensation

Landau transferred control of his stock with no compensation but remains managing director.

Terms of the agreement provide for a new board to be chosen in a fashion to prevent domination by any national Jewish

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Honorable Meier Steinbrick  
Chairman, Anti-Defamation League  
of B'nai B'rith  
212 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Justice Steinbrick:

A recent news story stated that the FBI approved the use of the word "Jewish" as descriptive of apparent nationality in connection with a form utilized by the St. Louis Police Department. The FBI had nothing to do with the formulation, approval or endorsement of this form. As a matter of fact, the FBI does not approve of such phraseology. In identifying criminals the FBI does not use words describing a religion in designating race or nationality.

Had the author of the recent news dispatch contacted us, he would have been specifically advised that the FBI did not recommend, endorse or approve the form containing the word "Jewish."

Sincerely yours,

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson  
FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: October 7, 1949

## SUBJECT:

With reference to the Director's inquiry as to whether it would be possible to secure a letter from either the St. Louis Community Relations Council or the National Community Relations Council which investigated the St. Louis Police Department's form, I wish to advise that I talked to Mr. Bernard Weitzer again.

Weitzer told me after checking that the St. Louis Community Relations Council had forwarded a communication to New York wherein the Community Council stated that the Daily Compass story of September 22, 1949, contained a statement which would lead to a complete misinterpretation of the problem involved. He is checking into this matter further with a view of securing additional information. He also stated that he saw the Milton Freidman story of the Overseas News Agency as an adjunct of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency who showed him the original story and had spoken harshly of the New York Compass that they had misreported the story. This, of course, is not true in view of the item that appeared in the Omaha paper. \*Freidman told Weitzer the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin carried a \*two page story giving the form and this no doubt is where they \*got their story.

Weitzer is working further in connection with Milton Freidman. We have found many references to Milton Freidman, some to a Milton Freidman who is a Communist so I have asked Washington Field Office to ascertain the identity with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Director will recall that the New York Compass is the successor to PM and is edited by Ted Thackery who is a "stinker of the first degree." Weitzer is to let me know after checking further to ascertain if a letter or statement can be issued.

I have also talked to Herman Edelsberg of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Edelsberg does not think much of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Jacob Landau, who has been a sensationalist apparently is out of the picture. Edelsberg checked with the New York office and it is their considered opinion that no good purpose would be served at this time in issuing a public statement that the Anti-Defamation League will take it upon themselves to write to Jewish papers pointing out the incorrectness of the New York Compass story and attest on their own personal experience with the Bureau

\*Directors Notation: "Is it true we used the form in our S.A. Bulletin?"  
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Memo to Mr. Tolson

October 7, 1949

Edelsberg stated that they would have Justice Meier Steinbrink Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York City write letters to the various editors of the Jewish papers.

I told Edelsberg after considerable conversation that the Director would write a letter to Justice Meier Steinbrink and I would give it to him personally for transmittal. In this way Steinbrink will be able to say while they knew what the Bureau's policies were in this connection these policies have been reaffirmed. A letter is attached.

Edelsberg also advised that when the story first appeared in print he told Freidman that it was not correct that the Bureau advocates or approves the word "Jewish" in describing nationalities.

Herman Edelsberg stated that the National Community Relations Council is a coordinated agency and does not make announcements and doubted very much if they could within the framework of their setup issue a statement. .

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Assistant Director  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum dated October 11 circulated by Mr. Myron Schwartz, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, concerning the police identification form. You will note how responsible Jewish agencies feel about the irresponsible original news story. You will note, also, approval of the proposal we discussed that corrective notices be sent only to papers which printed the original story.

Sincerely yours,

*Herman Edelsberg*  
Herman Edelsberg

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FROM: Myron Schwartz  
DATE: October 11, 1949  
SUBJECT: St. Louis Police Department Identification Form

This is in answer to yours of September 29 concerning the above subject. First, we would like to express our thanks to you and the membership of the Committee on Overt Anti-Semitism for its prompt cooperation in its consideration of this matter.

On Friday, October 7 ~~Al Fleishman~~ and I had a lengthy conference with Chief of Police O'Connell and Lt. Aylward of the St. Louis Police Department. The result of the conference was that the police department is going to eliminate in toto Item 28 "Apparent Nationality" from the Personal Identification Form. The attitude of the police department is that although it feels this item has been of assistance in the identification of criminals, it would rather forego the use of this category than give offense to any group.

It should be emphasized that the local police department in its use of this form was not motivated by any intention to categorize and keep records generally of Jews, Italians, etc., or any other group as such. The sole purpose of the form, which incidentally is a variation of one believed to be in use in many urban areas, was simply to assist in the quick identification of criminals. As I pointed out to you in my original memo, the police department stated that it confined the use of this form and the accompanying I.B.M. punch card only to previously convicted felons.

We believe it imperative that the outcome of this matter be given no national or local publicity at this time. We request, therefore, that the national agencies and the CRC confine any statement concerning the outcome of this matter to specific inquiries from legitimate individuals and sources. This is important because we believe it would be a mistake to allow those sources which originally made the St. Louis Police Department its target to take credit and make it appear as though their original allegations had any substance of truth in fact. For your information, we have discussed the possibility of some type of local release at an appropriate time in the Anglo-Jewish press which will be made available nationally.

Thanks again for your cooperation.

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October 24, 1949

Mr. Herman Edelsberg  
Director  
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith  
1003 K Street, N. W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edelsberg:

Thanks so much for sending us the statement  
you folks are sending to papers carrying the story  
on the St. Louis Police Department records. This  
should end the matter once and for all.

We do appreciate your interest and Mr.  
Hoover has asked me to extend to you his personal  
appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

*L. B. Nichols*  
L. B. Nichols

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Dear Mr. Nichols

I hope the attached correspondence, which  
has gone out to interested editors of Anglo-Jewish  
newspapers, will do the job.

Sincerely yours,

*Herman Edelsberg*  
Herman Edelsberg

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212 Fifth Avenue — Suite 601

New York 10, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

To: **BENJAMIN EPSTEIN**  
From: **ARNOLD FORSTER**  
Date: **October 19, 1949**  
Subject:

90051

Attached is a copy of the letter with enclosures which we sent to most of the Anglo-Jewish press. We think that this will effectively clean up the situation so far as the Bureau is concerned.

It is a pleasure to be of help.

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Dear Editor:

We send you herewith copy of a letter received from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in response to an inquiry made by ADL after publication of the item concerning the method of identification used by the St. Louis Police Department. Also enclosed is our acknowledgment. If you published or commented on the original news report, you will want to take cognizance of Mr. Hoover's letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Arnold Forster*

ARNOLD FORSTER  
Director, Civil Rights

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October 13, 1949

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Honorable Meier Steinbrink  
Chairman, Anti-Defamation League  
of B'nai B'rith  
212 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Justice Steinbrink:

A recent news story stated that the FBI approved the use of the word "Jewish" as descriptive of apparent nationality in connection with a form utilized by the St. Louis Police Department. The FBI had nothing to do with the formulation, approval or endorsement of this form. As a matter of fact, the FBI does not approve of such phraseology. In identifying criminals the FBI does not use words describing a religion in designating race or nationality.

Had the author of the recent news dispatch contacted us, he would have been specifically advised that the FBI did not recommend, endorse or approve the form containing the word "Jewish."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am grateful for your October 13 letter advising that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had nothing whatever to do with the formulation, approval or endorsement of the identification form used by the St. Louis Police Department. The Anti-Defamation League rejected out of hand that aspect of the St. Louis story which charged the Bureau with responsibility for the unfortunate classification. We could not do otherwise on the basis of our experience with the FBI and our knowledge of your attitude in matters of this kind.

We have known for many years that the FBI, under your direction, has consistently frowned on the use of offensive misclassifications which are unscientific and undemocratic. We were glad to have your re-affirmation of policy.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

MEIER STEINBRINK  
National Chairman

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October 24, 1949.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I am acknowledging Herman Edelsberg's letter over my signature since I do not think it advisable for the Director to be writing him.

Edelsberg has been in contact with several of the people mentioned by Elizabeth Bentley. While we are having a complete summary prepared on him, so far there is no indication he was ever the subject of investigation by the Bureau. He at one time was in Senator Kilgore's office and obviously came in touch with a lot of these folks.

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*  
L. B. Nichols

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